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THE HOUSE COMMITTEES

ANNOUNCED BY SPEAKER CARLISLE IN THE HOUSE

The Appointments Give General Satisfaction—Most of the Committees to Organize Immediately—Schedule of Indian Depredations—Other Notes

WASHINGTON Jan 6—Speaker Carlisle has completed his list of assignments to committee service of the house of representatives The following are the chairmen of the various committees

Ways and means—Mills of Texas
Appropriations—Randall, of Pennsylvania
Judiciary—Culberson of Texas
Banking and currency—Wilkins, of Ohio
Coinage weights and measures—Norwood, of Georgia
Commerce—Clardy of Missouri
Rivers and harbors—Blanchard, of Louisiana
Merchant marine and fisheries—Dunn, of Arkansas
Military affairs—Townshend, of Illinois
Naval affairs—Herbert, of Alabama
Post offices and post roads—Blount, of Georgia
Indian affairs—Peel of Arkansas
Territories—Springer of Illinois
Railways and canals Davidson, of Florida
Manufactures—Bacon of New York
Mines and mining O'Ferral of Virginia
Public buildings and grounds—Dibble, of South Carolina
Pacific railroads—Outhwaite, of Ohio
Improvement of Mississippi river—Catchings of Mississippi
Education—Candler of Georgia
Labor—O'Neill of Missouri
Militia—McAdoo of New Jersey
Patents—Weaver of Ohio
Invalid pensions—Matson of Indiana
Pensions—[illegible] of New York
Claims—Lanham, of Texas
War claims—Stone of Kentucky
Private land claims—McCreary of Kentucky
District of Columbia—Hemphill, of South Carolina
Revision of the laws—Oates of Alabama
Expenditures in state department—Morse, of Massachusetts
Expenditures in treasury department—Wheeler of Alabama
Expenditures in war department—Laffoon of Kentucky
Expenditures in navy department—Scott, of Pennsylvania
Expenditures in postoffice department—Dockery of Missouri
Expenditures in interior department—Hudd of Wisconsin
Expenditures in department of justice—Cowles, of North Carolina
Expenditures on public buildings—T J Campbell, of New York
Accounts—Shaw, of Maryland
Library—Stahlnecker, of New York
Enrolled bills—Fischer of Michigan
Printing—Richardson, of Tennessee
Civil service—Clements of Georgia
Election of president and vice president—[illegible] of Pennsylvania
Census—Cox of New York
Indian depredation claims—Whitthorne, of Tennessee
Ventilation and acoustics—Landes, of Illinois
Alcoholic liquor traffic—Campbell, of Ohio

Speaker Carlisle's committees give very general satisfaction There are, of course some disappointments This is usual Even the political opponents of Mr Carlisle praise him for the care he has exercised, and recognized his most earnest endeavors to not only satisfy those directly interested but render the best possible satisfaction to the country There were many conflicting interests to be considered in the formation of the committees and many members not only begged to be placed upon certain committees but refused in advance to serve if given assignments they did not like and which they named

It is believed that Mr Carlisle has acted very wisely in view of the policies of his party respecting tariff reform appropriations pensions financial matters, territorial interests railroad educational, labor and other problems which are pressing congress for action

The speaker said last night that he was never more completely exhausted from his work and that he felt greatly relieved now that it was finished

Most of the committees will meet to-day and organize by the selection of sub-committee assignments of measures which have already been referred, and will appoint clerks etc

Members of the committee on ways and means say they believe that hearings will be granted on tariff matters and that those most interested will be given an opportunity to present arguments verbally and written

Recess Appointments

WASHINGTON Jan 6—The president sent to the senate to-day a large batch of recess nominations Among these were the following William Porter, to be register of the land office at DesMoines Iowa Joseph W Preston of Georgia to be Indian agent at the Mission agency Colorado, and James D Jenkins of Iowa, at the Sisston agency Dakota Joseph W Clapp to be collector of customs for the district of Nantucket Mass and Thomas Cutler for the district of Humboldt California also a large number of army and navy promotions, and the name of chief engineer George W Melville, of New York to be engineer in chief of the bureau of steam engineering in the department of the navy with the relative rank of commodore Also the following new nominations of postmasters Homer D Hunt, Warren, O John G Herz g, Loudonville O Samuel Berry Winchester Ill Daniel O'Donnell Newton Ill Thomas G Dennis Waverly Ill and H S Corwin, Peru, Ill

Indian Affairs

WASHINGTON Jan 6—The senate committee on Indian affairs have agreed to report favorably bills amendatory of the act for the allotment of lands in severalty in the Umatilla reservation Oregon and granting patents therefor to provide for the compulsory education of Indian children and in relation to marriage between white men and Indian women The latter bill prohibits the man so marrying from acquiring any right to tribal property privilege or interest whatever to which any member of such tribe is entitled, and declares the woman so marrying a citizen of the United States with all the rights, privileges and immunities of any citizen being a married woman in the state or territory in which she may reside and no longer a member of such tribe

Kentucky's Ex-Governor in Washington

WASHINGTON, Jan 6—The visit to Washington of Governor Knott, of Kentucky, at this time, is in the interest of ex Representative McKenzie, of the Blue Grass state, who is an applicant for the Mexican mission which the dispatches from the west say has been tendered to Gen Bragg, of Wisconsin

Congress.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6—In the senate the president's message on territorial affairs was presented and referred to the committee on Indian affairs. Bills were reported from this committee, and a number introduced by senators Mr Mitchell and Mr Dolph spoke in favor of a naval station on the Pacific coast Mr Reagan, of Texas, opposed the educational bill At 4 50 p m. the senate went into executive session, and at 5 30 p m. adjourned until Monday

In the house bills were introduced until the announcement of the committees, after which an adjournment was taken at 1 10 p m. until Monday next, to enable the committees to organize

Schedule of Indian Depredation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6—Secretary Lamar will to-day transmit to congress the annual schedule of Indian depredations claims adjusted by the interior department during the past year The claims sent up number 133 with allowances amounting to $345 000 approved. A similar schedule of 430 claims of like character amounting to upwards of $300 000, sent up last year, is still before congress, unacted upon

The President Entertains the Cabinet.

WASHINGTON, Jan 6—The first of the series of dinners to be given by the president this winter took place last night. It was given to the cabinet

A FATED "TRAVELER"

Cleveland's New Viaduct Falls to the Ground With Fatal Effect.

CLEVELAND, O, Jan. 6—Shortly before 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the new Central viaduct, over Central Way, gave way and fell to the ground over sixty feet below with a crash. The huge sleeper, which is used on top of the viaduct, went down with the wreck, burying fourteen workmen beneath the debris The accident came without a second's warning Suddenly the two spans over Central Way fell as if sawed off from the structure.

Two men were crushed to death instantly, and while their mutilated bodies could be seen, they could not be taken from the ruins, by reason of the vast weight piled on them One of the spans was 150 feet, and the other thirty feet in length From what can be learned from the working on the viaduct at the time of the accident it is conjectured that the immense weight of the engine used in hoisting the larger and heavier materials into position, together with the weight of the spans, caused all that portion of the structure between the Valley railway tracks and Central Way to go down with a crash and without previous warning

Assistance was at once on hand and the work of recovering the dead and wounded began H C Burton and another man named Hardy was taken out dead, while R. D Hamlin Charles Ord, John Borden and Alex Emanalson, more or less injured Burton lives at Hazelhurst, Miss.

The wounded were all taken to Huron street hospital, where an examination of their wounds were made It is feared that all are fatally hurt Several men were at work below the bridge, but all escaped

LATER—The cause of the accident as now explained The "traveler" is a huge engine like affair that runs along the top of the structure, and by it the iron work is carried out in advance of the cantilever plan Just in front of the "traveler" is a smaller car, which holds water for the engine in the "traveler" and is also used by workmen as a tool box.

The accident resulted from an oversight in permitting the water carrier to run too far out on the end of the wooden trestle work which is erected in advance of the iron work The carrier ran over the end of the trestle and plunged down, carrying the wooden supports, and these in turn crashed against the yet insecure iron work, carrying down with it the next two spans

Hardy, the first man taken from the wreck, was an awful sight. He was pinned beneath a mass of broken beams and iron and when lifted up his head severed from the body and rolled into the gutter

"THE PETRIFIED WOMAN"

The Peculiar Post-Mortem Change of the Remains of Mrs. Annie Mellies

INDIANAPOLIS Jan. 6—The casket containing the remains of Mrs Annie Mellies placed in the old cemetery vault in 1857 and which the sexton exhibited last summer as the petrified woman," was opened this afternoon in the presence of all the prominent physicians of the city When the lid was removed from the metallic case a terrible odor filled the room, but this soon passed away and the body was thoroughly examined

The flesh has changed to a wax like substance, retaining its color and pliability and when a knife blade was inserted in the cheek the resistance was much like that noticed in cutting a rubber ball The husband is now in Boston but at the time of his wife's death he was foreman of the Journal news room, this city He left here soon after her demise, and sent money to defray the expenses of burial, but the body was allowed to remain in the vault till last summer, when it was removed to the morgue A scientific examination of the body will be made here and then shipped to the husband in Boston

Stealing a Bishop's Jewels

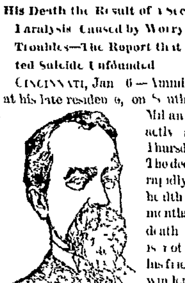
TRENTON, N J Jan 6—Two burglars entered the residence of Bishop O'Farrell Tuesday night, and out of the room where the bishop lay sleeping stole a gold watch and chain, a pretocoral cross studded with rubies and diamonds and two amethyst rings The servant girls were awakened but were too much frightened to give an alarm Not long ago burglars stole a communion service from the residence of Bishop Scarborough, of the Episcopal diocese

CASHIER AMMI BALDWIN,

LATE OF THE FIDELITY BANK, DIES AT CINCINNATI

His Death the Result of a Second Stroke of Paralysis Caused by Worrying Over His Troubles—The Report that He Committed Suicide Unfounded

CINCINNATI, Jan 6—Ammi Baldwin died at his late residence, on South Elm and McMillan streets, at exactly at 3 30 o'clock Thursday morning The deceased has been rapidly failing in health for several months past and his death while sudden, is not a surprise to his friends Mr Baldwin left his home last Wednesday morning for the city When he returned in the evening he appeared completely overcome by the extreme cold weather and has been ill since that time



AMMI BALDWIN

The deceased spent Sunday in bed and on Monday came down town again returning in very much the same condition he was in on Wednesday last From that day on he has remained in bed and was most of the time unconscious His death was peaceful He slept his last away without a struggle

Mrs Baldwin said to a reporter that last May a year ago her husband had a stroke of paralysis and that his death was the result of a second attack

When he returned home last Wednesday Mrs Baldwin said Dr T J Jones, living only two doors away was called in and attended him until his death

Mrs Baldwin said that her husband had been complaining for some time past and especially since his late sickness commenced She scoffed at the idea of suicide as being merely the outcome of the impression that his brother in Indianapolis had killed himself

Mr Baldwin was born in Cincinnati fifty eight years ago and has ever since been constantly engaged in business in this city He leaves but one child Pearl L Baldwin Mr Baldwin was the father of two children, Harry and Pearl

The arrangements for the funeral have not been made but Mrs Baldwin said that it would occur at the house on Saturday and that while her husband did not belong to any church, Rev Dr Tinley of the Walnut Hills Episcopal church would officiate at the obsequies

Ammi was the son of a [illegible] who for several years kept a small piano store on Third street His wife was a Mrs Riddle

Ammi clerked for Truax & Baldwin music publishers, for several years, and afterwards was associated with the Ohio Valley Trust company in the same capacity

Mr Baldwin was receiving teller of the Bank of the Ohio Valley from 1858 to 1860 then cashier of the Bank of the Ohio Valley until May 1871

When the Third National bank of Cincinnati bought out the Bank of the Ohio Valley and he became assistant cashier of the Third National until 1876 then he was cashier of the Third National bank until February 1886 when he went to the Fidelity National bank at its organization as cashier

After the death of his son Harry, which occurred under mysterious circumstances in 1879 a great change was noticed in Baldwin's actions and at times his friends considered him deranged In 1886 when the Fidelity was organized he went with Harper from the Third National bank and became cashier of the new institution, continuing with the Fidelity until its doors were closed June 20 last

Some of Baldwin's old acquaintances assert that he never was anything else but a figure head in the Fidelity One of his clerk associates states that Baldwin had been afflicted with consumption for some time previous to his demise

The counts against Baldwin, returned by the United States jury in the Fidelity bank matter charge him with making a false statement of the Fidelity bank's condition May 16 1887, in which he falsely swore that the bank had on hand silver treasury certificates to the amount of $[illegible],310 and legal tender notes to the amount of $630 000 with aiding and abetting E L Harper to unlawfully and willfully misapply the funds of the bank to the amount of $[illegible] with putting forth without the authority of the directors E L Harper's false certificate of deposit for this amount and that he [illegible] between October 1, 1886, and June [illegible] 1887 aided and abetted E L Harper in wrongfully unlawfully and wilfully misapplying $1 000 000 of the bank's funds

"Poor Fellow" Says Harper

COLUMBUS, Jan 6—When E L Harper now in the penitentiary was informed of the death of Ammi Baldwin he exclaimed "Poor fellow he did not do wrong intentionally I am not at all surprised But he is better off than if he had come here He would have been well treated here no doubt but he would not have lived long, even if he had been given the wardenship I hope he kept up his life insurance as I advised him to do so"

A Mayor Scoring a Railroad.

NEW YORK Jan 6—Mayor Haynes' annual message given out yesterday is a unique document In explaining of the Delaware Lackawanna & Western Railway company, the mayor says A few first class funerals the subjects furnished from the directors of that road would make room for a reasonable board one that would treat a city of 150 000 inhabitants that gives them hundreds of thousands of dollars yearly worse than they treat any country village from Hoboken to Buffalo It becomes us on all occasions to be reconciled to the will of the Lord If in His wisdom He should fit to remove some of the directors of the road, the City of Newark would be perfectly reconciled to His merciful dispensation

Prize Fight Declared Off

ST PAUL, Jan 6—The fight to a finish between Killen and [illegible] arranged for March 1 is off Killen wanted [illegible] of [illegible] and wanted a later date fixed This action is looked upon [illegible] and [illegible] backers or both in [illegible] this evening and declared the fight off

BRIEF MENTION

News of the Day Condensed for the Hasty Peruser

At Hitesville Ky, James Lineback killed L Clark his half brother, in a quarrel

Zanesville, O, has established stock sales under the auspices of the board of trade

Chattanooga has organized a company for the purpose of putting a base ball team in the field

The News Letter, an independent newspaper, published at Delphi, Ind, has suspended

During a drunken spree at Wichita, Kan., Nick Burns was fatally stabbed by a man named Hessy

Four men were killed and seven badly injured at Wilkesbarre, Pa, by the premature explosion of a blast

The evidence in the Cardwell murder trial at Nicholasville Ky, has closed and arguments are being made

The Philadelphia carpet weaving manufacturers will shut down on February 1 on account of the large stock on hand

A boiler in Worthie & Sons' saw mill at Jonesboro, N C, exploded, killing the fireman and injuring two other persons.

W P Ledrick, a Guernsey county convict was caught in a belt in the belt shop of the Ohio penitentiary, and met a horrible death

John Parrott, a farmer, who lived all alone near New Holland, Ind., was found dead in his bed, with his head horribly beaten.

Tom Buttsfield, a young farmer near Palmyra, Neb, has been arrested on suspicion of having murdered his father and mother

The employes at the seven furnaces of Carnegie Phillips & Company, at Braddock, Pa have made a demand for a 10 per cent. raise of wages

Daily Commercial Bulletin reports the total fire loss of the United States for 1887 to be $120 264 000 This is $13,000,000 more than the losses of 1886

The Pennsylvania Republican state central committee selected Harrisburg as the place for holding the next state convention and April 25 as the time

A freight train of the New River division of the Norfolk & Western railroad, ran into a rock slide near Central, Va., killing the fireman and engineer

The natural gas companies of the Ohio valley, between Pittsburg and Wheeling, have established a natural gas trust to secure an equitable adjustment of rates

John Koerner, a commission man of Indianapolis accidentally shot himself while handling a revolver, inflicting a wound from which it is thought he will die

A span in the new Central viaduct, now being constructed at Cleveland, O, fell on Thursday a distance of eighty five feet, killing two persons and injuring five others.

James Tutt, a farmer near Brazil, Ind, died of a mysterious disease Investigation has developed a case of glanders, presumably contracted while doctoring a horse for that disease

In the United States court at Providence R I, Mme Janauschek was given a verdict against Henry Bull, Jr, of Newport, for $1 000 damages on account of injuries sustained by a fall in defendant's hotel

The coroner's jury, in rendering a verdict as to the disaster on the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio railroad, near Meadville, held that Engineers Googe and McFarland and Conductor Murray are responsible for the disaster

Fred Hopkins, just released from the penitentiary, went to the house of a man named Davis at Columbia S C, against whom he had a grudge, called him to the door, cut off one of his ears and mortally stabbed him Hopkins escaped

Lester Boyden was taken to the circuit court at Terre Haute, Ind, to receive sentence for larceny He addressed the court in his own behalf in such a manner that the judge granted him a new trial, and released him on the promise that he would return to his family at Minneapolis

Chief Arthur Knows Nothing

CLEVELAND, O, Jan 6—Chief Engineer Arthur, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers said yesterday that he knew nothing about the Reading strike except through the newspapers

"In 1877 F B Gowen, general manager of the Reading system, ordered the engineers to leave either the railroad or the brotherhood All but seven left and in time found employment This was not a strike The floaters who took their places joined the Knights of Labor, and have taken part in the present strike The present management of the Reading road is favorable to the brotherhood"

Injured in an Explosion.

ROCHESTER N Y Jan 6—Another explosion, supposed to have been caused by naphtha occurred yesterday Part of the flooring of No 3 engine house was torn up, and a fireman named Rice badly injured The explosion came apparently from the Platt street tunnel the scene of the great naphtha explosion of two weeks ago, and the supposition is that a small quantity of naphtha remaining in the tunnel became ignited in some way

The Indiana Silver Mines

JASPER Ind, Jan 6—The Buck Shoals Silver Mining and Smelting company are smelting about twenty tons of silver bearing rock daily The product is from sixty five to seventy five pounds of metal from each blast of twenty four hours An assay of one ton of the rock at Newport Ky, showed a silver product of $60 and $4 in gold The ledge of rock is in the bluffs of White river, in Dubois county Indiana

Carpet Weavers to Shut Down

PHILADELPHIA, Jan 6—It is said that the carpet weaving manufacturers will order a shut down about February 1, in order to get rid of the large stock now on hand The suspension will probably last one month

Speakers for February.

LONDON Jan. 6—The Marquis of Ripon and John Morley will address the meeting of Nationalists at Dublin on February 2

Mr Sexton Out of Danger.

DUBLIN, Jan 6—Mr Sexton is now considered out of danger and will soon be convalescing

FROM OVER THE ATLANTIC

IRISH TURF DEALERS AND POLICE AT THE OUTS

The Former Will be Worsted in the End Radicals Lose an Election—Sir Charles Dilke Hopes to Vindicate His Honor Advices from Abyssinia—Notes

LONDON, Jan 6—The attempt of the turf dealers of County Clare Ireland to boycott the police from procuring their necessary supplies of turf has resulted rather disastrously so far to the former With the English government at their back, the police determined not to be boycotted, and succeeded in securing all the turf they wanted

This will undoubtedly raise a protracted row and fights of this kind will be going on all winter The turf dealers are bound to be worsted, too, as the police are entirely reckless of what they do, knowing full well that any amount of force, coupled with a show of justice will be condoned by the government The lesson was taught at Mitchellstown and elsewhere

A Savage Slaughter

LONDON, Jan 6—A private letter from Bechuanaland, brings details of the frightful massacre of natives by order of the king, brief mention of which was made in a cable dispatch a few weeks ago The letter says that Mr Fred Seton, the celebrated hunter, with a party of English friends, including Mr W Jameson, of Dublin, and Capt Fountain, who were on a hunting expedition in King Lo Benjulo's territory, were away in Mashonaland after big game accompanied by a body guard of 150 Matabele warriors in charge of an Induna, or chief

Their duty was, while ostensibly acting as guides, to watch the white hunters and prevent their leaving the hunting grounds to prospect for gold The latter attraction however, was too great to be missed and the entire party finally deviated from the hunting ground toward the northern gold fields prospecting by the way The chief was as much infatuated as his followers with the search, and one of them, believing that his own life was in danger, returned and informed King Lo Benjulo

The monarch immediately dispatched a regiment which overtook the party, and the native colonel announced that one and all had been condemned to death, the execution to take place on the spot All the victims, to the number of 150, submitted without a murmur, the mode of execution being two spear thrusts and a blow from a knobkerrie the bodies were left for the vultures, while the English hunters were conducted back to camp and cautioned that the next time they went prospecting their hunting privilege would be withdrawn

Radicals Lose at Winchester.

LONDON, Jan 6—In spite of the confidence of the Radicals, the election at Winchester yesterday in a defeat for them after all They had hoped to reduce the majority of the Conservatives but while they received a greater number of votes than in 1886 yet the Tories, whose majority in 1886 was 136 mounted up to 415 The ballots showed a gain of 60 votes but it was not enough to offset the increased majority of their opponents A curious feature of the contest was that both sides made use of Irish cartoons Representations of Secretary Balfour in ludicrous positions were confronted by pictures of prominent Irishmen in convict dress labeled as the friends of the Liberal candidate Another fact worthy of notice was the solid voting for the Conservative candidate by 150 soldiers who are quartered at Winchester

Won't Visit Ireland at Present

LONDON, Jan 6—Mr Herbert Gladstone writes that a previous engagement will prevent his visit to Ireland at present Consequently the proposed series of speeches he was to make in Ireland will fall through and the government will not have the supreme satisfaction of imprisoning the son of the ex premier for speaking at the Dromore meeting, in County Tyrone which was proclaimed as soon as it was known that Mr Herbert Gladstone was to speak there

Hopes to Vindicate Himself

LONDON Jan 6—Sir Charles Dilke expressed his views on returning to parliament at a Liberal club dinner given at Hammersmith He said he hoped to be able to vindicate his honor in the courts but failing in this he could only trust that the day would come when his countrymen would discover the true nature of the fabrications which had misled their judgement concerning him Then, and not until then would he re-enter public life

Surprised at the French Elections

LONDON Jan 6—The result of the French senate elections as announced last night caused much surprise on this side of the channel The gain of four seats already by the Conservatives was totally unexpected so unexpected that the Times which is credited with usually possessing accurate information on these subjects confidently predicted that the Republicans would be the leaders in the senatorial contest and would win the day

Says the Orleanists are Innocent

LONDON Jan 6—Reliable information from Brussels states that the authors of the forged letters which were sent to the czar have been ascertained to be a clique of financiers who were desirous of facilitating the the Bulgarian loan The Brussels authorities for this statement says that the Orleanists are innocent of participation

A Panic Averted

PARIS Jan 6—A panic was averted on the bourse after M Calmon his failure yesterday by members placing 10 000 shares of Rio Tinto mining stock at the disposal of the board at 450 francs Only a few minor failures are expected

Rosalula Offers to Join the Italians

ROME, Jan 6—Advices from Massowah declare that Rosalula with a band of 40 000 followers has offered to join the Italians on condition that he be created Negus of Abyssinia upon the defeat of King John

Coal Grounded

PITTSBURG, Jan 6—Owning to the rapid falling of the Ohio river, eight or ten tows of coal are grounded in the vicinity of Wheeling

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Charles Robinson has been arrested at Lexington, Ky, for forgery

Frank K Rawlins, a traveling man of Chattanooga has mysteriously disappeared

Creed Cardwell is on trial at Nicholasville Ky for the killing of James A Hunter

Two slight shocks of earthquake were felt on Wednesday in the vicinity of the City of Mexico

The old board of directors of the Cleveland & Pittsburg railroad has been re-elected for the ensuing year

William Moore, residing near Patoka, Ill, suicided by hanging himself with a strap suspended from the ceiling

Joe Donegan murdered B F Woolfered in the Chickasaw Nation, near Mentersville, on Salmon creek, Saturday

The state of Alabama has let out all its convicts on ten year contracts to work in the coal mines near Birmingham.

The Democratic legislative caucus at Frankfort, Ky, nominated Senator Beck for re-election He had no opposition.

Archie Smith was run over by a freight train at Spray's station, Ind., and killed. His head was severed from his body

Arthur O'Connor, the Irish parliamentary delegate, who has been lecturing in this country, has sailed for his home in Ireland

The Shoemakers' union of Newark, N J, numbering several hundred men, have decided to withdraw from the Knights of Labor

Lewis Richardson has been sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for cutting with intent to kill Jacob Daniels, at Shelbyville, Indiana

William Cruzan and Elijah Ulm fought a duel with pistols near Tuscola, Ill, to settle an old feud Ulm was fatally wounded

N & C G Parker, of Cincinnati, have brought suit against Bricklayers' Union No 1, praying damages for a libel on account of a boycott

A general mortgage and investment company, with a capital of $15,000,000 gold, has been organized in London to operate mines in Mexico

A Pennsylvania miners train, carrying 500 men, was wrecked near Shamokin, Pa, Wednesday night The miners threaten vengeance

Miss Fannie Gillem, living near Chattanooga, was shot by her small brother, who was playing with a shotgun It is thought she is fatally wounded

Ex County Clerk H N Blair, who left London, O, several weeks ago for parts unknown, has returned and promises to make good all his delinquencies

Congressman Brown of Ohio, has introduced a bill to appropriate $20,000 to erect a monument at the grave of Gen W H Harrison, at North Bend, Ind

A large vat of mash in a distillery at Terre Haute Ind, exploded, breaking the leg of an employe destroying the building and causing a loss of several thousand dollars

The disbarment proceedings commenced in the Chicago superior court, by Attorney Zeisler against Attorney E G Asay, were withdrawn on the motion of Zeisler

Secretaries Vilas and Lamar are making preparations for the changes which have been indicated by the president, and appear to be confident of their confirmation

William Reardon a huckster, after selling his produce in Chattanooga more than a week ago started for his home in the country and has not since been heard from

Alexander Dixon, a negro murderer was captured at Wichita, Kan He is wanted for a murder committed on the Santa Fe railroad, near Galesburg, Ill, in August last

A collision occurred at Jefferson barracks between white and colored United States soldiers that resulted in the injury of many men, and probably will cost three their lives

Miss Clara Campbell, of Ironton, O, has sued Charles Arbuckle, the wealthy coffee merchant of New York, for breach of promise claiming damages in the sum of $100 000

William Fehler was literally torn to pieces by being caught in the belting at Avery's plow factory, in Louisville Both legs and one arm were torn off and hurled a considerable distance Death was instantaneous

Col F D Mussey, through his attorney, Gen C H Grosvenor, has filed a petition in the Franklin county common pleas court against Mrs Annie Mussey for divorce, alleging willful absence for more than three years last past

The pigeon shooting match at the Lafayette Ind, gun club's park, on Wednesday, between Capt A H Bogardus, world's champion, and Fred Erb, of Lafayette, was won by the latter The match was for a purse and the contest was for one hundred live birds from ground traps, Hurlingham rules governing When Bogardus had seventy eight and Erb eighty six birds the former abandoned the match Erb continued until the one hundredth pigeon had been released to him and he made the record of killing ninety three of the hundred

Convicted on His Brother's Evidence

MINNEAPOLIS Jan 5—The jury in the Barrett case returned a verdict last night of murder in the first degree Sentence will be pronounced Thursday The penalty is death On the 20th of July last a street car driver named Tolleson was found on his car with two bullet holes in him and the change box gone Rewards aggregating $2,000 were offered for the detection of the murderers, but no clew was found until about two months ago Tim and Pete Barrett were arrested at Omaha and brought to this city Another brother, Henry or "Reddy" who was with the others the night of the murder, turned state's evidence Tim was the first one to be tried and was found guilty and on testimony furnished by his own brother, will in all probability hang

Celebrated the Pope's Jubilee

NEW YORK Jan 5—There was a large assemblage of Catholics at Cooper Union last night to celebrate the pope's jubilee Egan Kelly, Judge Daly Bourke Cockran, and others spoke in eulogy of the pontiff and declared that the church was gaining ground, especially in America

OHIO SOLONS

Senate Factions Still Wrangling—Tri-Weekly Adjournment.

COLUMBUS, O, Jan 6—When the senate convened at 10 o'clock yesterday morning the factional fight was reopened by the following resolution by Mr Cole

"RESOLVED, That in nominating Thomas J Hayes for chief clerk of the Ohio senate, the regular caucus of Republican senators elected gave proof of a just and proper recognition of the rights of labor

"RESOLVED, That by voting solidly against Mr Hayes and thus defeating him, and voting in favor of a probate judge holding office till February next in Hardin county, the Democratic senators show that they have no respect for the rights of labor"

Notice to discuss was given, but the resolution was tabled by the usual vote

Mr Zimmerman on behalf of the Democratic senators, then offered a protest against the passage of senate resolution No 11, thanking Governor Foraker for preventing the return of the rebel flags

After reciting the circumstances of the affair they denounce the conduct of the governor as demagogery, manifesting itself in the stirring up of sectional feeling and as far from the spirit of patriotism on one side as rebellion is on the other

They commend the president for his action in rescinding the order The protest was taken under advisement by the chair. At 11 30 the senate adjourned until Monday at 10 a m.

MEMPHIS ELECTION

It Results in a Signal Victory for the "People's Ticket"

MEMPHIS Jan 6—The municipal election Thursday resulted in a signal victory for the "People's ticket" throughout, every ward and voting place giving decided majorities in favor of Pettit and those who support the ruling authorities and the existing form of taxing district government

The result is gratifying to a majority of the best citizens and it is regarded as a just rebuke to the ward business and friends of the old municipal style also, a rebuke to Judge DuBose of the criminal court, as well as the other county court house crowd and the street railway corporation, all of whom had coalessed in an effort to elect a ticket favoring their views and interests.

It was a very quiet election, not a fight, difficulty of any kind occurring anywhere in the city Less than $1,000 was used by the winning party to conduct the canvass, while five or more times that amount was expended by the losing side The supporters of the powers now in authority and their system are much elated over their success

Natural Gas Organization.

PITTSBURG, Pa Jan 6—The natural gas companies of the Ohio valley, between Pittsburg and Wheeling, established a permanent organization last night, at a secret meeting in this city The trust represents fourteen companies and its object is "to secure an equitable adjustment of rates" The president elected is Mr W P Logan, of Steubenville The next meeting of the association takes place next week when a definite programme will be agreed upon

Indications

WASHINGTON Jan 6—Rain, followed by fair weather, warmer, followed by colder, fresh to brisk westerly winds

FINANCE AND COMMERCE

Quotations of the Money, Stock, Produce and Cattle Market for Jan 5

NEW YORK—Money 5 per cent Exchange dull Governments steady

Currency sales, 119 bid four coupons 125¾ four-and a halfs 107⅛ bid

The stock market opened dull and featureless but before the first call a buying of coal shares caused prices to take an upward turn In the first hour values advanced ⅛@⅞ per cent and the market has since continued firm at the best figures

Bur & Quincy	1 [illegible]	Michigan Cent	86¾
Cen Pacific	[illegible]	Missouri Pacific	88
C C C & I	52	N Y Central	107¼
Del & Hudson	101½	Northwestern	107⅛
Del Lac & W	129⅝	do pref	141
Illinois Cen	117	Ohio & Miss	23½
Kansas & Texas	18⅝	Pacific Mail	35⅝
Lake Shore	95⅝	St Paul	75¼
Louisville & Nash	61⅛	West Union	78

Cincinnati

FLOUR—Fancy, $3 90@4 20 family, $3 50@3 75

WHEAT No 2 red 87@87c No 2 89@90c

CORN No 1 mixed, 5[illegible] No 2 mixed, 5[illegible]

OATS No 3 mixed 35@35½c No 2 mixed [illegible] No 3 white, [illegible]

PORK Family $15 25@15 50 regular, $15 00@15 7

LARD Kettle 8½@8¾c

POULTRY Common chicken $2 50@3 00 per dozen fair to prime $3 25@3 50

WOOL Unwashed fine merino, 17@18c, one fourth blood clothing 25@2[illegible]c medium delaine and combing 2[illegible]c braid 18@19c, medium combing, 2[illegible]c fleece washed fine merino X and XX 30@31c medium clothing 30@33c delaine fleece, 32@33

HAY—No 1 timothy $14 00@14 50, No 2 $13 00@13 50 mixed $10 00@11 00 prairie, $9 00@10 00 wheat oats and rye straw, $5 75@6 00

CATTLE Good to choice butchers, $3 75@4 00 fair, $2 00@3 [illegible] common $1 00@1 75, stockers and feeders $2 00@3 [illegible] yearlings and calves, $3 00@5 00

HOGS Select butchers $5 65@5 7 fair to good packing $5 15@5 60, fair to good light $5 10@5 [illegible] common $4 25@4 90, culls, $3 [illegible]@4 00

SHEEP Common to fair $2 50@3 00 good to choice $4 25@4 75, common to fair lambs, $3 00@4 75, good to choice $4 75@5 00

New York

WHEAT No 1 state red 93@93½c No 2 red winter, 91¾c February 92¾c

CORN Mixed 64@64½c, February 64

CATTLE $4 10@5 20 per 100 pounds live weight

HOGS—$4 50@5 40 per 100 pounds

SHEEP—$3 85@5 75 per 100 pounds live weight

Pittsburg

CATTLE—Firm prime, $4 75@5 00 fair to good $4 00@4 60, common, $3 75@3 50 feeders, $2 75@3 25 stockers $2 75@3 50 receipts 19, shipments, 0

HOGS—Firm receipts, 2,100, shipments, 500 Philadelphias, $5 90@6 00 Yorkers, $5 50@5 60 common, $5 [illegible] 10 mixed $5 [illegible]@5 85

SHEEP—Firm receipts, 400 shipments 1,100 prime $5 00@5 [illegible] fair to good $4 00@4 75, common $2 00@3 50

Chicago

CATTLE—Choice to extra shipping, $5 00@5 40 mixed, $1 80@4 00 stockers and feeders, $2 00@3 40

HOGS Fair to good, $4 90@5 25, mixed packing $5 10@5 30 heavy choice, $5 10@5 50

SHEEP Common, $3 00@5 00 lambs $4 50@5 70

Toledo

WHEAT—Steady cash, 88⅛c May, 90⅛c

CORN—Quiet, cash, 50c May 55⅛c

OATS—Steady, cash, 33c, May, 35⅛c

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SATURDAY JANUARY [illegible]

THE hotel men of Chicago have so far put up every cent of the money spent in getting the Republican National Convention there It took $[illegible] 000 to send the committeemen to Washington The hotels put it all up It will take about as much more to get the Democratic Convention, and the hotel men expect to furnish all of that, too This preliminary money is a sort of [illegible] which the rich owners of the big hostelries are willing to hazard If the conventions go there as so far they have done, they get their money back tenfold The expenses of the National Convention are about $50 000 After the National Committee decided in favor of Chicago it is no trouble to get any amount of funds there It is the first cash hazard before it is at all certain that the convention can be secured which is hard to get A Republican National Convention is worth gross $70 000 to the Grand Pacific, a Democratic Convention to the Palmer House about the same sum A hotel proprietor figures that the three days of the National Convention distributes among the hotel men about $50 000 in excess of their regular revenues

A FEW years ago the country was horrified by the discovery of murders by wholesale committed by a family named Bender who kept a small wayside inn on the Kansas frontier and had an ingeniously contrived arrangement for knocking guests in the head while seated at the dining table, and dropping the body in the cellar through a trap door over which the victim sat Within the past fortnight similar establishments have been brought to light—one in the section known as "no man's land" on the southwestern border of Kansas, the other on an Indian reservation fifteen miles west of Pierre Dakota In both cases a considerable number of skeletons and decomposed bodies were found in the cellar and buried on other portions of the premises In the first place the murderers were a family of four persons named Kelley three of whom were captured and lynched while trying to get away, while the fourth succeeded in escaping, the other a Sioux Indian half breed, succeeded in making his escape from the officer who sought his arrest

THE Hon Elbert L Lampson chosen in caucus by the Republican members of the Ohio house of representatives to be the speaker of that body in the sixty eighth general assembly, is a native of Ashtabula county which county he represents in the legislature He is thirty eight years of age and was graduated from the law department of the Michigan State University and in 1880 was elected representative from Ashtabula county and was renominated last year without opposition and re elected by about 4000 majority Although a comparatively young member of the general assembly he has been prominent as a legislator and an active and influential member of the house Since 1883 Mr Lampson has owned the Jefferson Gazette and is one of the seven newspaper men in the lower house

GOVERNOR FORAKER recommends the maintenance of the canals and revision of the tax laws He deprecates the anticipation of revenue and holds that each year should pay its own debts He proposes a plan concerning the refunding of four per cent bonds July 1 1888 by which the legislature can safely reduce the present rate of five tenths of one mill for the sinking fund to two tenths of one mill and add the three tenths of one mill so taken from the sinking fund to the general revenue fund thus providing for deficiencies The closing part of the Governor's message refers to the tariff question and particularly to the fallacies of the President's argument that wool needs no protection Throughout the message is explicit and business like and is in every way a meritorious state document

THAT strikes do not benefit the strikers in the long run is pretty conclusively proved by the latest report from Labor Commissioner Wright at Washington In a carefully prepared table of statistics the Commissioner shows that during the last six years there has been a loss to employes alone of $[illegible] money that might have been saved to them, but for their strikes Before the strikes the grand total of employes was [illegible] 045 after the strikes were settled there but [illegible] employed—a total loss of employment to [illegible] wage workers There is nothing in these figures to encourage peremptory demands

OUR own Senator Cutler was prominent among the Republican bolters at Columbus on caucus nominations and united with the Democrats in defeating the caucus nominees Senator Cutler would have pleased his supporters better if he had remembered that he tried to win for Powers in the caucus and having been beaten there should withdrawn from the contest Mr Cutler's nomination was opposed because it was argued that he was a Mugwump and bolter and he must correct the stand he has taken or will prove himself the accusation his enemies used against him

THE ladies [illegible] them [illegible] [illegible] just [illegible] four years [illegible] [illegible] gave the gentlemen a good [illegible] their lot is

A [illegible] English [illegible] out in a paper [illegible] among the [illegible] as [illegible] by the British [illegible] tables He makes the case [illegible] of [illegible] increased [illegible] late years [illegible] but [illegible] which it is shown that [illegible] number [illegible] 10 nowadays than formerly

THE business failures of 1887 were numerous in the United States and more numerous in Canada than in any previous year Such facts as these are [illegible] the growth of [illegible] in the Dominion in favor of commercial union or [illegible] plan of establishing closer relations between Canada and the great nation upon which the rest of North America must always be largely dependent

THE bohemian oat sharks who bled many Ohio farmers for various sums ranging all the way from $[illegible] to $1000 have moved their field of operations to Missouri and are meeting with considerable success in their swindling operations The farmers of that State if wise will chain the bulldog in the front door with a bear trap That is the most effectual exterminator we know of for a bohemian oats agent

THERE are signs at Columbus that railroad rates for passenger business may soon be reduced to two cents a mile by legislative enactment if the railroad companies do not begin to move in that direction themselves before long Would it not be better for the great lines which can best afford the change to try the experiment of a voluntary reduction before coercive measures are provoked?—Leader

A Harrisburg mechanical engineer has invented a novel movable dam by the use of which, he claims, a floating stage of water may be obtained in shallow rivers at all seasons of the year The invention has been examined by old river men and pronounced practicable The inventor is eighty two years old This would if successfully done relieve the river towns of their annual coal famines

NEWSPAPER men in Germany have to be very careful about punctuation The Hofer Tageblatt a short time ago said a decoration had been conferred upon Count Von Holstein By an oversight an exclamation point instead of a period appeared at the end of the sentence and for this the authorities seized the whole issue and instituted a suit against the editor for atrocious libel

A [illegible] of young ladies in Hastings Neb [illegible] in [illegible] council and pledged [illegible] not to attend balls with the young men unless the boys consent to remember them in case there is no carry What [illegible] young ladies most need to do here is to refuse to let the boys catch [illegible] when they are [illegible] way home from church

NEW YORK has dropped to the position of the sixth state in the Union in the number of miles of her railroads Illinois stands at the head followed by Iowa Kansas Texas Pennsylvania New York and Ohio Kansas with 100 more miles of railway than New York is an object lesson worthy of study

ONE year from today cars must be running on the Black Diamond between Marion and Mt Vernon or the $[illegible] 000 donated by Marion is not [illegible] This is where we [illegible] the bulge on [illegible] and is one thing about the Black Diamond that is not the [illegible] uncertain

[illegible] Lowell [illegible] is a brainy man and a brilliant man but his long residence in England has made him quite too English you know [illegible] for his utterances on American [illegible] and government to have much weight Mr Lowell seems to be [illegible] backwards

[illegible] of Lafayette [illegible] [illegible] telephone [illegible] charge [illegible] than [illegible] for the rent [illegible] of the instrument and that in this state they will have to make that rate [illegible]

IT [illegible] reported in the newspapers [illegible] the United States Senate [illegible] to the Senate chamber [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] about [illegible] it is in order [illegible] remark [illegible] [illegible] the same [illegible] [illegible]

THE BATTLE OVER TARIFF

MR SHERMAN ASSAULTS THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Senator Voorhees Makes a Vigorous Reply Denouncing the Statements of Senator Sherman and Other Republicans as Insincere and Misleading

WASHINGTON Jan [illegible] In the senate at [illegible] Mr Sherman [illegible] the President's message He criticised the message for its failure [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] It was an extraordinary message [illegible] [illegible] the Democratic party had [illegible] of the house of representatives [illegible] had not originated or [illegible] of taxes [illegible] tax [illegible]

Why had not the president followed the example of his predecessors by using the powers conferred on the secretary of the treasury and applying the surplus to the reduction of the public debt? If the president had regarded the surplus as a danger why had he nothing his influence to bear upon congress to provide for a reduction of taxes [illegible] and why had not congress applied the remedy? The only answer was that a controlling majority of the Democratic party would not allow a bill to be reported unless it contained provisions which would greatly injure or destroy domestic protection If it had been the desire to reduce taxes without reducing American production the task was easy but the speaker of the house had used his enormous power with the hearty support of the president to prevent even the reporting of such a bill Even without a reduction of taxation the surplus revenue might have been applied for great National [illegible] [illegible] for the failure of the secretary of the treasury to exercise plain discretionary powers conferred upon him by law and for the failure of the Democratic house of representatives to make appropriations for some of the highest National objects

Among these Mr Sherman mentioned the Blair educational bill the dependent pension bill the river and harbor appropriation bill and other [illegible] project If appropriations had been made for these purposes and for coast defenses at the present condition of the treasury which now so alarmed the president would not have existed He also asked why the president had not convened congress in special session last summer instead of now endeavoring to drive congress pell mell by an outcry to reverse the policy of the country for thirty years When the president and secretary of the treasury tried to alarm the country so as to induce congress to break down great industrial interests he pointed them to the neglect of their public duties

At [illegible] o'clock Senator Sherman concluded his speech He had been listened to with marked attention and was congratulated by Republican associates Mr Blair asked that the educational bill be laid aside to allow Mr Voorhees to reply to Mr Sherman [illegible] unwillingness to yield further

Mr Voorhees took the floor for a speech in defense of the president's message and commendation of the administration

Mr Voorhees denounced the statements of Messrs Sherman Teller and other Republicans in criticism of the president's message as insincere and misleading and asserted that it was of preparation for the coming presidential message Republican legislators and journals were endeavoring by gross misrepresentation to put the president and the Democratic party in an attitude of hostility to American manufacturing interests Nothing could be more unjust or unfair Under the leadership of Grover Cleveland the Democratic party demanded such a revision of the tariff and such reduction of revenue and such administration of the power of government as was most beneficial to all interests and most fully in harmony with the general welfare The president's message would bear the light [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] tariff taxes [illegible] [illegible]

It was also often reminded that it was a war tax and that it should pass away in time of peace All the [illegible] had their weight with him But while heavy taxes which had been lawfully a war tariff on very articles [illegible] submit [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

Such political [illegible] in the present instance it requires no gift of prophecy to foresee that "blind leaders of the blind" they and their followers would roll in the ditch of defeat together [illegible] but those who managed and [illegible] the opposition to the present administration to convince the public mind that the president was friendly to the labor interests and laborers' organizations and the reduction of taxes would be so powerfully enforced would prove fruitful to the workingmen and equally to wage laborers employed in manufacturing industries

He might pause to ask the meaning of the present condition of the wage workers in [illegible] of the most extensive manufacturing [illegible] and why under the present high tariff were they engaged in constant strikes and struggles with their employers His heart was full of appreciative sympathy for the workingman and his household as they gathered around their troubled fireside of ten in penury sometimes in actual want and never in ease or affluence But he had never yet consented to be a remedy for his privation and anxieties to increase the tax on his blankets and bed clothing or on his salt and [illegible] table wares The president had expressed his solicitude for the welfare of the American laborer and had pointed out the vigilant care which his interest should receive in the treatment of the tariff

At the close of Mr Voorhees speech Mr Sherman moved that the message be referred to the finance committee but action on that motion was withheld to give Mr Teller an opportunity to make some remarks Mr Teller spoke briefly in reply to Mr Voorhees criticisms of Mr Teller's former statement He stated that there had frequently been greater accumulations of surplus in the treasury than when the president sent his message, and that the assumption that the present condition of affairs was a threat against the country's prosperity was not based upon an honest conviction

He denied that the people were suffering under burdens of taxation or were crying for relief Whenever the voice of the people had been heard it had been declared to be a fundamental American principle that the public debt shall be paid There were $230,000 000 to become payable for years hence and how he asked, was this debt to be provided for if the revenues were to be reduced to the level of current expenses

When some years ago it was proposed to exclude the Chinese because they came here to compete with American labor for wages while their habits were such that they consumed little or nothing produced by American labor nearly all the Democratic senators favored the proposition Now it was proposed to extend to the Chinese the privilege of doing their labor at home and sending the manufactures here He doubted if a Democratic house even at the behest of the president and at the risk of loss of favor for a final would venture to face the American labor with such a record

The pending resolution to refer the president's message to the finance committee was not acted upon The chair laid before the senate the unfinished business—the educational bill

At 3 o'clock the senate went into secret session and five minutes later adjourned

Congress

WASHINGTON Jan —In the senate a number of petitions were presented and bills introduced Among the latter was one by Mr Brown to abolish internal revenue taxation The senate took up the resolution for the distribution of the president's annual message and Mr Sherman delivered his tariff speech He was followed by Mr Voorhees and Mr Teller The pending resolution was not referred The Blair educational bill was taken up and at 3 50 p m the senate adjourned after five minutes of executive session

In the house the committees were not ready and bills were introduced and referred by unanimous consent until 4 50 p m when the house adjourned 902 bills and resolutions were introduced

LOSING THEIR GRIP

The Great Decrease in a Knight of Labor Assembly In One Year

D[illegible] N H Jan [illegible]—The Knights of Labor assembly here which had 900 members a year ago now has only sixty eight Some members favor dividing the $4 155 in the treasury among the members Master Workman Mellens opposes division He refused to entertain a motion for the purpose at last [illegible] Last night when he was about to open a meeting he was called to the [illegible] two members for alleged libel in publishing a statement that they were conspiring to defraud the [illegible]

Worthy [illegible] called the meeting [illegible] Mellens at once and it was [illegible] the money Those opposed [illegible] and charged the [illegible] with trickery in causing Mellens' [illegible] great excitement Mellen [illegible] and returned to the hall just [illegible] adjourned He called [illegible] in secret session and he and [illegible] to have installed the [illegible] recently elected and who all [illegible] workman

A Hint to Correspondents

Correspondents sending newspapers should be careful to mark the paragraphs they wish the editor to see says an English contemporary journal and we reproduce it on this side of the ocean with an emphasis proportioned to the distance If our correspondents could know how much valuable time was used or spent in looking over papers in the often futile endeavor to find out why they were sent they would save us much trouble Make a dash with a blue red or even black lead pencil or with ink if it be preferred at the upper left hand corner [illegible] to which they would call [illegible] and the eye will catch it at once and the object of sending the paper be accomplished

The Police to Blame

[illegible]—Poor [illegible] dead
[illegible]—So I hear—shot through [illegible] to rob
[illegible] outrage a bloody outrage The [illegible] policemen ought to be [illegible]
What for?
For [illegible] the law against carrying [illegible] weapons —Omaha World

Corn Is King

[illegible] from Kansas are you?
[illegible]
[illegible] corn crop down there
[illegible]
[illegible] biggest corn crop I ever [illegible]
[illegible] —Nebraska State Journal

A Geographical Tid Bit

[illegible]—Here winter there's a [illegible]
[illegible] but you can't spec a [illegible] Have some [illegible]

A [illegible] Defense

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] heard [illegible]—Tid Bits

Gold Mining in North Carolina

North Carolina [illegible] gold producing states of the Union averaging something less than a couple of hundred thousand dollars annually Georgia which turns out somewhat less than North Carolina, is also a gold state Before the exodus to California these were the chief gold producers of the Union Virginia Alabama and South Carolina also contributing something to the stock of precious metals but in the presence of the rich mines of the west the gold states of the Atlantic coast lost all their importance Nevertheless mining operations are carried on to some extent in the Blue Ridge and its foot hills The Sam Christian mine in Montgomery county N C was recently sold for $[illegible] 000 There is considerable free gold in the gravel along the mountain streams and it is said that in years when the streams are dried up or diminished by drought and the agricultural crops fail the people there turn to the gold crop In Ophir and El Dorado townships every inhabitant engages in this practice, and at the smallest country store will be found scales for weighing gold dust People can do this simple placer mining in this primitive way on land owned by others paying a fifth of the gold found That is the rule in such cases This sort of mining is known as petty mining Small business as it is it has in many bad seasons saved the people from want

A North Carolina correspondent of The Richmond (Va) Dispatch reports The deepest gold mine in the state is the Gold hill in Rowan county which is down 770 feet Opened about 1824 it was for card the great mine of this part of the world and has a record of over $7 000 000 In those early days the most primitive appliances were used in getting out the ore There were five owners and the week's work—the net profit—was represented in a great bar of bullion This was cut with an ax into five pieces Some disinterested party then placed the pieces behind him and, holding one in his hand cried out "Who takes this?" It was given the owner who called for it, and so on until all five pieces were divided Sometimes each share was worth $1 000 making a yield of say $240 000 annually English men have for years owned this mine three companies having held it and operated it Another $100 000 is now being raised to work further —New Orleans Picayune

A Temple in Japan

Starting early one morning from the Yaami hotel Kioto a delightful place overlooking the whole city, I directed my jinrikisha boy to take me to the temple of Kenninji Let the description of the general features of this temple suffice for all or they all have certain features in common You enter from the street through a high arch of wood made of two immense upright pillars and a cross piece which curves down instead of up and which extends far beyond the uprights You ascend several flights of stone steps sometimes passing between stone images and shrines and stone lanterns until you reach the platform on which the temple proper stands Here you remove your shoes and perhaps a pair of slippers will be provided you You ascend the short flight of steps immediately in front of the temple and find yourself in a sort of a wide porch extending along the whole front of the edifice and upheld by several rows of massive wooden pillars Behind these is a row of large paneled doors, extending clear across the building but you will find only the middle two open

Within you encounter other rows of pillars upholding the roof and behind these in the exact center sits the image surrounded with the censers and paraphernalia of the priests and with whatever attendant images there may happen to be Near approach is prevented by a wooden railing A wooden box stands in front of each image It is furnished with wooden slats across the top, and into it are thrown the offerings of the worshipers The grounds of the Kenninji are beautifully laid out in lawns and walks In the eastern part of the grounds hangs an old bell which for many years lay in the river bed buried in debris It is said that Ye San an eminent priest attempted to have it recovered but the men were unable to move it till he cried to them to shout his name when of course, it immediately became manageable —Cor New Orleans Times Democrat

In a Japanese House

The greatest trial in living in a Japanese house is the putting on and off of the shoes before one sets foot on the outer veranda of polished wood He must either go stocking footed in the house or have some specially soft shoes without heels, as our dirty foreign boot soles scratch the polished wood floors indent and cut the soft straw mats, and ruin things quickly The Japanese are very exacting about it too, and there is always some one bowing and smiling and waiting to unboot one at the threshold and head off any attempt to slip in booted —Ruhamah in Globe Democrat

A Terrible Crime

Is always bound to arrest the attention of the public and sometimes serves as a warning by which many lives are saved It is a terrible crime to neglect the health and thus permit the ravages of disease A cold allowed to run its course unchecked a cough neglected may cause those deadly Pulmonary Diseases which have often proved so fatal Nothing has so effectually copes with them as does Gooch's Mexican Syrup The marvelous cures it has accomplished in obstinate cases of Consumption have given it the strongest possible hold upon public confidence and favor Its aim in this class of cases is to at once stop the supply of Tuberculous matter by aiding in the organization and assimilation of all nourishment It easily controls all distressing symptoms and tones up the system The following letter relates a remarkable cure

Gooch's Mexican Syrup has accomplished a cure in this neighborhood which has astonished the people A young lady Miss Davis was given up to die by her attending physician She had Lung Fever The doctor said she would die before morning and advised her friends to discontinue his medicine as they were doing her no good Her parents had a bottle of your Mexican Syrup and liniment in the house They at once began to give the syrup in [illegible] one hour apart, and frequently bathed her chest with the liniment Before morning she was decidedly better and after using two bottles of each she is almost as well as ever It is almost like raising the [illegible] and has established its reputation [illegible]

J & J N [illegible]
Trimble Athens Co O

LIGHT AND AIRY

A Great Problem

There are problems in arithmetic
That puzzle a fellow's gills
And algebraic corkers
And geometric pills
But the toughest of all problems
That with dread a husband fills
Is to buy the earth at postal sale
For two small $ bills
—Chicago Inter Ocean

Change of Base

Kansas City Reporter—I have an account of a fellow guilty of all sorts of [illegible] which ought to send him to the penitentiary for life

Able Editor—Write him up and I'll demand of the authorities their reason for not arresting him Who is he?

Mulligan the three card monte sharp"

Eh! That slugger who licked the three editors across the way?

The same

Remember the golden rule, my boy, Deal gently with the erring' —Omaha World.

A Christmas Carol

We loathe abhor detest despise
The man who does not advertise
And when he finds after New Year's
Enough to justify his fears
That he laid in too large a stock
That to his store folks didn't flock
And half his goods are still on shelf
He'll loathe detest despise himself
—Lowell Courier

A Good Yearly Average

But Mr Superintendent you will admit I suppose that your street cars are outrageously cold?

Well yes in winter they are pretty cold, of course but you ought to be willing to take a reasonable view of the matter"

Reasonable view

"Why certainly Now if you should put a thermometer in our cars and leave it there the year round you would find that with the 110 degrees above zero in the summer and the 10 degrees below zero in the winter we strike a pretty good average in the entire year —Buffalo News

The Inevitable End

Although he covets it from birth
And covets it through life's brief span
Man never never gets the earth
It is the earth that gets the man
Boston Courier

A Lover of Candor

Impecunious Man—I wish you would be so kind as to lend me $5 I'll pay you back in a few days Candid Friend—If you had asked me for the loan in a candid and straightforward manner I would have lent you the money but asking me in the way you did causes me to distrust you I don't understand you You asked me to be so kind as to lend you $5 Yes If you had been candid you would have said to me Be so stupid be such an ignominious ass such a hopeless idiot as to lend me $5 and you might have got it —Texas Siftings

A Traveled Man

Mr Overtherhine (a Cincinnati drummer) —Yes I've been an extensive traveler Miss Waldo For the past ten years I don't believe I have spent more than one month out of the twelve at home

Miss Waldo (a young lady from Boston)—Oh I think traveling is so interesting and it improves one so much you know You have visited Paris Mr Overtherhine

Mr Overtherhine—No we have another man for Kentucky my route all lies north of the Ohio river —New York Sun

The Cigarette

I am only a small cigarette
But my work I will get in you bet
For the stern coffin maker
And grim undertaker
Will declare I bring fish to their net
—Boston Budget

Science Is Everything

Young Mr Wabash (of Chicago)—Are you interested at all in matters of a scientific nature Miss Waldo?

Miss Waldo (of Boston)—Oh very much, Mr Wabash "

Mr Wabash—You think then that every one should possess some knowledge of science?

Miss Waldo—Yes I attribute much of our Mr Sullivan's phenomenal success to his scientific ability —The Epoch

Good Taste Misplaced

Fair Visitor (to convict in for life for murdering his grandmother —There is a bunch of sweet violets for you sir Have you anything to complain of?

Convict—Well yes Miss I'm a very tall man, as you see and this striped suit unpleasantly emphasizes my stature I ought to have something in a pronounced check — The Epoch.

Fashion Note

A sacrificing wife is dear
Her husband well should prize her
But the best wife this time of year
Is a sealskin sacrificer
Detroit Free Press

All Up With Him

Wife—I am afraid my dear that Clara's quarrel with young Mr Sampson is a very serious matter

Husband—Nonsense they will be as devoted as ever in a few days

Wife—No John I think you are mistaken No girl will quarrel with her lover just before Christmas unless there are good and sufficient reasons for it —New York Sun

Of No Much Interest

Lady (to husband)—You don't tell me John that eleven cities were overflown and millions of people left homeless and starving!

Husband—Yes in China

Lady (disappointed)—Oh in China In interesting matters of that kind always happen such a provokingly long distance away!—New York Sun

Live in the Present

Live live today the sage has said
The present is the future [illegible]
Before [illegible] Christmases now fled
Content be with the Christmas present
—Boston Courier

A Misunderstanding

Father (who has given his consent)—I hope young man that you know the value of the prize you will get in my daughter?

Young Man—Well—er—no sir I don't know the exact value but as near as I can find out it's in the neighborhood of $50 000 — New York Sun

St Nicholas and Culture Clash

American Youth (aged 6)—Now if the effect of eight [illegible] of electricity is equal in applied force to—

Santa Claus—Holy Grail is this the youngster that I've brought a yellow monkey on a red stick to?—Judge.

And He Gets It

When [illegible] is thick and deep's the snow
And winter days are drear O
[illegible] but little here below
Zero —Boston Courier

QUIET [illegible] THE COAL REGION

[illegible] Complete [illegible] [illegible] Concerned

READING [illegible] Jan [illegible]—Notices were sent out yesterday to the iron manufacturers of the Schuylkill valley that in consequence of the miners [illegible] [illegible] advance in the price of furnace [illegible] coal of [illegible] cents per ton has been made to take effect immediately A number of orders filed previous to the strike but which were only filled in part, were duplicated this week The advance in the price of coal will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Reports received here late yesterday afternoon show that two Reading [illegible] operating the Brookside and Saffo [illegible] [illegible]

All is quiet in the coal regions no disturbance [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Reading company's [illegible] superintendent [illegible] Philadelphia over the situation It is said that the proposition about being offered to the miners as individuals [illegible] will go to work the company will [illegible] the [illegible] but will not treat with them as an organization

It was reported [illegible] that the Reading officials are becoming alarmed at the magnitude of the strike as they did not calculate that the men would turn out so [illegible] It is reported that the Reading company will try [illegible] several of their largest collieries near Shenandoah to get furnace coal If the company can [illegible] half a dozen collieries running [illegible] say that they can tide over the crisis until matters adjust themselves

Will Make Them Keep Their Word

POTTSVILLE Pa Jan [illegible]—The output of twenty three individual collieries working at an advance out of twenty-eight in this region, is being shipped over the Reading road, handled by scab labor The railroaders executive committee has announced its intention to force the miners to live up their pressent agreement not to mine coal to be transported by scabs If left to themselves the two labor [illegible] will split on this rock Coal has [illegible] from seventy five cents to $1 [illegible] all over Schuylkill county and at [illegible] it is hard to get at any price This state of affairs may be said to exist at many other [illegible]

Honolulu Cabinet Resigns

SAN FRANCISCO Jan [illegible]—News from Honolulu last evening is to the effect that the cabinet has resigned The Ashford clique will then be in power The king intends taking matters into his own hands formulating a new constitution The natives will be appealed to and so the military Two British one French and two United States men of war are in port ready to preserve peace News is anxiously looked for by steamer Spreckles has resigned [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] He has now [illegible] July The American sugar Refining company will enter into competition growing beets [illegible] The financial condition of Hawaii is rotten No available funds are at hand

The Joke Cost Him $100

WASHINGTON Jan [illegible]—Sherburne G Hopkins who some weeks ago sent a bogus infernal machine to Chief Justice Waite yesterday pleaded guilty in the police court and was fined $100 He [illegible] and emphatically disavowed entertaining and expected [illegible] unfortunate hoax with any [illegible] of [illegible] the chief justice or with any purpose [illegible] He deeply regretted [illegible] thoughtless act and because of this feeling pleaded guilty with the understanding [illegible] would be imposed The fine was paid and the case [illegible] settled with [illegible] but a poorer man by at least $100

Dempsey's Opinion of Sullivan

NEW YORK Jan —Jack Dempsey was last evening asked the opinion of John L Sullivan His reply was I'm very glad that I am not heavy enough to meet Sullivan because if I were I would certainly endeavor to meet him and then I knew that I would be licked When asked if he was willing to meet Mitchell he replied that he was not seeking notoriety by showing what he would do but that he would be on deck when wanted and would try not to disappoint his backer

Governor Ames Inaugurated

BOSTON Jan 6—Hon Oliver Ames was inaugurated as governor of Massachusetts yesterday

All men [illegible] I'm tired of living
The world is hollow and I'm [illegible]
Come now [illegible]
[illegible]
It's all your [illegible]
You need [illegible]
Pierce's Pellets [illegible]
A friend [illegible] I will [illegible]
[illegible] better [illegible]
Pierce's [illegible] Pellets
[illegible]
[illegible] cheerful [illegible]
[illegible] quite [illegible]

TWO Springfield kids Charles Dodson, aged 17 and [illegible] Shepherd [illegible] went to [illegible] [illegible]

Howard Hanley [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

A Mansfield detective [illegible] [illegible] white [illegible] thief The man was not caught

THE business [illegible] [illegible] With [illegible] coal miners and railroaders [illegible] strike at the same time the outlook is not encouraging

Everybody will remember Martin Irons leader of the [illegible] strike in 1886 He was [illegible] [illegible] New [illegible] peanut stand in St Louis

Miss Rose Elizabeth Cleveland has been for some years engaged in a close study of the life and work of St Augustine with the purpose in view of writing a book upon him and his mother [illegible] The work will probably be completed within the year

The Chicago boodlers are fortunate The [illegible] in the Cook county jail [illegible] [illegible] The jail authorities [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] the arrangement

Dissolution Notice.

THE partnership which existed between us for six years expired by limitation on the 31st of December 1887 All persons indebted to us are requested to call [illegible] as our accounts must be settled [illegible] may be made to either partner Mr Johnston will continue in the old office and Mr Fisher's office will be over the Marion Deposit bank

J C JOHNSTON
C C FISHER

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LIBERIA'S MISSION.

A FOREIGN MINISTRY WHICH SEEMS TO BE GOING BEGGING

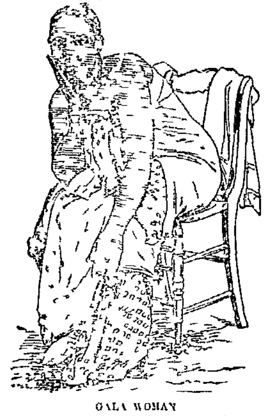
Sketches by Pen and Pencil of One of the Most Curious Countries of Africa—How the Women and Men Toil—Possibilities of the Country

[Special Correspondence]

WASHINGTON, Dec 26—Liberia is still without a minister, and a $5 000 consulship seems to be going a begging. Mr Charles H J Taylor's resignation as minister will take effect on Jan 1, and Taylor has returned saying that the country is going to the devil, and that there is no good in it. He says that the colored immigrants from America do not outlive the third generation, and the temperature is so damp that boots blacked in the evening are covered with mildew in the morning. Mr Taylor had, however, but [illegible] months in Liberia, and men who have lived there longer say that his statements are full of prejudice and that truth is not in him.

Ex-Minister and Consul General John H Smyth, who spent nine years in Liberia, tells a different story, [illegible] the country [illegible] Consul Smyth is [illegible] at Washington. He is a full heavy colored man with a face as black as ebony, and features of the African type. He is a man of education, and his English is pure. Said he:

"Mr Taylor is but a boy as yet, and he has looked at Liberia through a boy's eyes. He is only 31 years old, and he has made no study of the people among whom he has been living. Liberia is by no means so bad as he would have it supposed. Its climate is not unhealthful though it is hardly fit for men having constitutional diseases or liver complaints. Its seasons are much like those of India. January and February are the hottest months of the year, and during these months the people remain indoors as much as possible. The rest of the year is mild and salubrious enough for any one but an Icelander or an Alaskan, and the foreigner who takes care of himself can easily get along. The average heat of the dry season is 84 degs Fahrenheit, and the thermometer seldom rises above 90 degs in the shade. During the wet season the average heat is 76 degs, and the thermometer never falls below 60. *During certain months of the year a damp wind from the desert sweeps over the country,* suddenly springing up early each morning and as suddenly ceasing. It invariably returns at the same time the next morning and it so continues for a month. This wind *is especially dangerous to foreigners.* It enervates them, but the weakness passes away with the cessation of the winds, which is usually followed by comparatively cool and *pleasant weather.*



GALA WOMAN

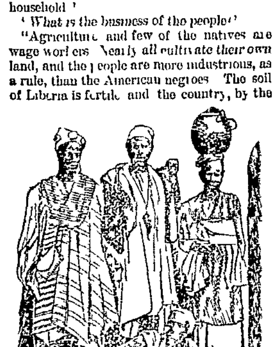
"The natives of Liberia are healthy and long lived and there are few beggars among them. The most intelligent tribe is the Veis, whose women are straight and well formed. The Veis are the best dressed people of Liberia, and the most advanced. They are superior to the American negro and indeed there is little resemblance between the types found there and here. The men have tall, well knit figures and are not, as is usually believed, coal black but on the contrary, are of the color of mulattos. They have well shaped heads, and some of their faces are remarkably handsome. Their noses are aquiline, *their lips thin, and their hair is usually* straight. The women are graceful, with strong lithe figures and some of them have faces of rare beauty. The women mature *early and marry young and chastity is the* rule rather than the exception. Up to 16 they are classed as girls, but at this age they are put in the hands of the old women of the tribe and are taught the duties of a wife, including such knowledge of medicine and doctoring as are in vogue among the people.

"The women of the interior and, indeed, the majority of the tribes with the exception of the Veis wear very little clothing. The breech clout alone is de rigeur, though now and then you will find one dressed like this Gala woman, of whom I give you a sketch. The Galas are semi civilized. The chair upon which the woman sits is evidently of American make, and her dress was probably made in an English or American cotton mill.

"The men do not require the women to be the hewers of wood and drawers of water, and their duties are, as a rule those of the household."

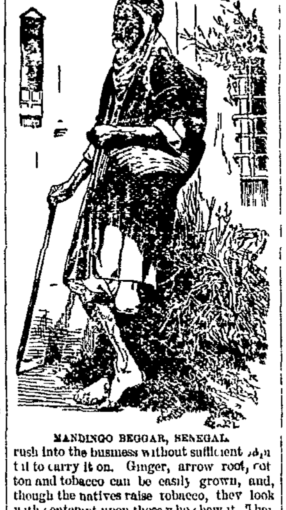
"*What is the business of the people?*"

"Agriculture and few of the natives are wage workers. Nearly all *cultivate their own* land, and the people are more industrious, as a rule, than the American negroes. The soil of Liberia is fertile and the country, by the way, is 600 miles long. It lies along the coast off the Atlantic and extends inward, at places as far as 200 miles. It is sandy or gravelly near the shore but in the interior it has forest covered hills and lofty mountain ranges traversed by fine valleys. The scenery is picturesque. It has many streams flowing into the ocean, and some of these are navigable for short distances.



MANDINGO TRADERS, ST LOUIS SENEGAL.

"*The products are chiefly tropical ones,* and it is the land of sugar cane and cotton. The agricultural condition of the country steadily improves, and the soil is fertile beyond the knowledge of the people. Sugar cane matures in a year's time, and coffee may be grown on all the soils of Liberia. The people are ambitious to have coffee plantations and sugar cane farms, and they often rush into the business without sufficient capital to carry it on. Ginger, arrow root, cotton and tobacco can be easily grown, and, though the natives raise tobacco, they look with contempt upon those who chew it. They smoke, however, and are very fond of coffee. They also produce a great deal of palm oil, and they get about five cents a pound for their coffee and ginger. The Liberian coffee *is very good but it is not packed or dried as* carefully as it should be. There is also an *abundance of arrow root in the country,* which could be cultivated and made an important article of commerce."



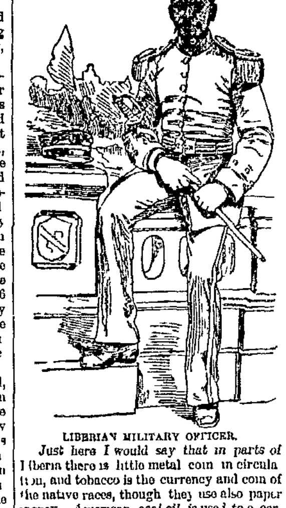
MANDINGO BEGGAR, SENEGAL.

"Do the Liberians do much trading?"

"Yes, and they are fond of commerce. They carry on a trade with the interior, and some of the traders are the sights of the country. The traders from Senegal often form themselves into picturesque groups. There are few beggars in Senegal, and this picture is taken from a photograph made on the spot."

"How do the people live?"

"Their houses are of bamboo covered with mud, and their principal food is rice and bananas. The furniture of these huts consists of a fire place and a rude table or so. They eat out of clay bowls, and they are satisfied with little. Fruit is very plentiful, and lemons, oranges, pineapples, African peaches and pomegranates are easily raised. *They can produce all kinds of vegetables* but they apparently do not care for them. It costs a Liberian very little to live and labor is remarkably cheap. You can get a hand for $4 a month, and part of the pay can be dealt out in merchandise. The highest priced men are the stevedores who work along the coast, and these men receive twenty five cents a day. The coast trade of the republic is carried on in small vessels and the English steamers carry the mails. The Dutch do a great deal of trading with Liberia, and the Germans have their share of it. I think America ought to have a better steam communication with Liberia, and it would certainly pay as a commercial proposition. Already we have the prestige among the people and they would prefer to buy our goods rather than those of any other *nation.* The trouble with the goods we send them is that we make them up in too large pieces. The Liberian cannot afford to buy a piece of cloth containing 100 yards, and he *prefers the English, German or Dutch piece* twelve yards long.



LIBERIAN MILITARY OFFICER.

Just here I would say that in parts of Liberia there is little metal coin in circulation, and tobacco is the currency and coin of the native races, though they use also paper money. American coal oil is used to a certain extent among the American Liberians and the civilized African Liberians, and kerosene costs from twenty five to thirty five cents a gallon in Liberia."

"Is there much drinking in Liberia?"

"Very little. The religion of the people is Mohammedan, and Mohammedans expect to do their drinking when they get to heaven. The chief drunkenness comes from the gin supplied by the coast trade vessels. Liberians, however, make a wine of the palm which, if made in the morning, will ferment by evening and will then be intoxicating. If kept till the next morning all of its intoxicating effects will have passed away, and it then forms a harmless, cooling drink."

"How do the American negroes get along *in Liberia?*"

"Those who go there with the *intention of* working get along very well but the lazy ones are discontented. The Americo Liberians have a regular system of schools, and they are rapidly advancing in civilization. You will not find in the whole United States such an industrious settlement of negroes as you will find in Liberia. Their army is made up of fine looking men, and their military officers are dressed in the same uniform, practically, as those of Europe. It is different among the interior tribes."

"How about the government?"

"The constitution of the republic is modeled after that of the United States. Elections are by ballot, and voters have to have real estate. The president is elected for two years, the senators for four and the representatives for two. Each county sends two senators to the legislative assembly, and there is one representative for every 10,000 inhabitants. White men cannot vote. The present president is H W R Johnson, and he has a cabinet the same as our president."

"How about missionaries and missionary work?"

"The best missionaries in Liberia are the Catholics and by the way the Mohammedans have done more missionary work in Africa than [illegible] It will be a surprise to [illegible] to know that the Mohammedans are doing more missionary work than the [illegible] They get close to the Liberian and talk right to the people in their language and associate with them. Methodist and Baptist missionaries are not successful because they keep aloof from the people and preach sermons away above their heads. They scatter tracts broadcast which none can read and they seldom get any contributions from the people. The Catholics do a little better, and a French priest Pere Blanchet who came there in 1882, is the most successful of all the missionaries owing to his kindly nature and generosity."

"What kind of a place is Monrovia?"

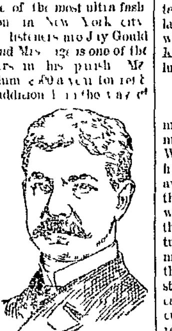
"It is, you know, the capital of the country, and is a city of perhaps 15 000 inhabitants. It is there that the consul general lives and our government has a very nice house there over which the American flag always floats. I do not care to say myself as to whether I am a candidate for the position, but I liked Liberia very well and I would not object to going back there to live. It is a country of great possibilities and its mineral resources are worth the investigation of capitalists." THOMAS J TODD

REV DR PAXTON

Traits in the Character and Life of the Man Who Preaches to Jay Gould

[Special Correspondence]

NEW YORK, Dec 26—Rev Dr J R Paxton preaches to one of the most ultra fashionable congregations in New York city. Among his regular listeners are Jay Gould and Russell Sage and Mrs Sage is one of the most active workers in his parish. Mr Gould's pew costs him $250 a year for rent and he pays $1 000 in addition for the [illegible] premium. Dr Paxton's church is a unique one in ecclesiastical architecture. Its balcony running around three sides of the building might be taken for the balcony of a popular theatre, for the seats are arranged in little boxes, with the easiest of plush upholstered chairs and expensive rails at the front upon which to rest the hands or lay one's outer garments. Dr *Paxton lives in a brown stone front on West* Forty sixth street. He is a medium sized man, about 40 years old with brown, wavy hair and mustache.



REV J R PAXTON

*The visitor is met at the door by a perfect*ly trained butler, a massive colored man, who to a degree is an assistant of the doctor in his labors. To a caller who had rung the bell several times in vain endeavors to find Dr Paxton in the butler said one day:

"If you come here at 7 o'clock to morrow I will see that you meet Dr Paxton."

But how shall I be sure," said the visitor in some doubt, "whether he will be here at that hour?"

The butler responded with an air of quiet but deep conviction: "If I make an appointment for Dr Paxton he will keep it."

And he did.

The interior of the house is furnished in a style that perfectly befits a man of extensive wealth. Everything has been arranged in the nicest taste and apparently without regard to expense. *The chairs and tables are* all of artistic design, and the bric a brac and other decorations of the room, show not only a refined taste but ample means for gratifying it. It does not look as one might suppose the house of a clergyman would. It is rather the residence of a society man, and to a considerable degree that is what Dr Paxton is. The executive work of the parish, such as looking after mission chapels and the charities, is delegated to other hands. He devotes a deal of attention to calls among his parishioners, and receives them also at his home in the formal *style that accords with the social status of* his congregation. During the day time his callers will find him dressed in an elegant velvet jacket, his hair usually tumbled in picturesque confusion, and his manner in*dicating home and comfort.* He speaks with a brusque heartiness and a use of words that shows him to be fully alive to the increasing vocabulary of the English language. He is, with all his social activity, a persistent reader and writer. In his study may be found all the important periodicals of America and England, and the most recent books on science and metaphysics and works of fiction as well. He rarely preaches a sermon that does not bear an unusual erudition, but he always brings his learning to bear upon his congregation in a popular way, so that not only the scholar is interested but the man who ne er reads anything but the newspapers. His conversation however, does not bristle with large words or with anything pedantic.

In the evening Dr Paxton like every other society man, puts on full dress whether *he dines at home or abroad. He has a family consisting of a wife and three children and his* home relations are said to be exceptionally pleasant. I G BURTO

Evil Lines in the Face

Although experience has taught that a man cannot always be judged by the shape of his head and face physiognomy will ever be a factor and a large one too in the study of the characteristics of individuals. Education is a very powerful eradicator of the evil lines in a face. Education and instruction and thought are face changers if I may express myself that way. In youth a boy may have a hard, sullen and almost villainous face, but in manhood this may have changed. The lines are softened and the expression is altered. Natural intelligence has been increased, but the nature of the beast is still there, and when it breaks out in lawlessness if it ever does this boy becomes a criminal more difficult to detect and shrewder in his *crimes than he would have been had he* grown up following the natural bent of his nature. Therefore I consider that to a de*tective physiognomy is but of little value* except among the lower classes of criminals where the animal nature has been allowed full swing.—Inspector Thomas Byrnes.

Suing for His Rights

An interesting lawsuit regarding the infantry rifle of the French army is threatened. One Schulhof, at Vienna Austria, invented and patented a new breech loader, and the French government, it is said, commissioned the governor of the sharp *shooters' school at Chalons, M Lebel to go* to Austria and buy up the patent of Schulhof. Lebel went, and brought one of Schulhof's rifles with him to Paris. Having retained it for a number of weeks he sent it back to Vienna, saying it was too heavy for French soldiers and immediately afterward the French government adopted a new breech loader of Lebel's invention which is now in course of manufacture in the French gun factories. Schulhof [illegible] about examining the Lebel gun and found the breech loading construction identical with his own patent. He *is now engaged in prosecuting his patent* rights against Lebel in the French courts of law.—Chicago News.

STORIES ABOUT MEN

How Judge Gary Revenged Himself on a Friend.

One day while the Anarchist trial was going on in Judge Gary's court, Mr William King, who is upward of 80 years old, sought admission but was told he could not go in. Going to the state attorney's office, Mr King explained that he was an old friend of Judge Gary and he was sure the judge would let him in if he knew he was there. Mr Furthmann told him the court room was full, but *that he would try to find a place within the* bar. In a few moments the two entered the court room, and started to walk down the aisle.

"Sit down," said Judge Gary, sternly.

"*Your honor,*" explained Mr Furthmann, "this is an old friend of yours."

"Sit down," said Judge Gary, louder and more sternly.

Mr King *looked as if he would like to have* a big hole come up through the floor and swallow him. There was no place for him to sit down, and still the judge kept calling for him to do so. He looked appealingly at his old friend, but the old friend only glared on him savagely and repeated the awful command "Sit down."

When the old gentleman had succeeded in reaching the bar Mr Grinnell got up and gave him his seat. When court was adjourned Judge Gary came down from the bench, rubbing his hands together gleefully and laughing clear to his feet.

"I made him sit down, didn't I?" said he to Mr Grinnell in Mr King's presence. "I'll *teach him not to beat me at whist as he did* last night. I wish I had half a chance, I would have put him out," and grabbing Mr *King by the arm he took his old crony out to* lunch with him.—Chicago News.

Ben Butler's Big Appetite.

The *gastronomical peculiarities of great* men are frequently made a subject of comment. Of all the public characters who visit Washington I am told that "Ben" Butler heads the list as far as his ability for stowing away food is concerned. He literally "takes the cake," for the steaming pancake is his weakness, and it is the testimony here that the most agile cook in the district cannot turn the farinaceous flapjack fast enough to meet the demands of "Ben's" appetite. In the lower part of Pennsylvania avenue there stands a little hotel, an unpretentious little caravansary, noted for the correctness of its cuisine and its excellent service. It is a quiet resort, with all the comforts of an old English tavern and the seclusion so dear to the average gormandizer. "Ben" Butler frequently comes to this place to order his favorite dish.

"*I have heard of appetites,*" said an attendant to me the other day, "but I never knew exactly what a real appetite was before I saw Mr Butler. I remember the first time he came here he ordered two porterhouse steaks, a dozen fried eggs, with fried onions, raw fried potatoes and pancakes to suit. I thought it was for a party of four, and I fixed plates, napkins, knives and forks accordingly.

"'What the —— are you bringing all these dishes in here for? Do you suppose I've invited a regiment to dine with me? Take them away,' shouted Mr Butler.

While I cleared away the deck Mr Butler sat there impatiently with a fork in one hand and a knife in the other, waiting for me to set the orders on the table. There were twelve pancakes on a plate. These he *sliced through at one blow, cut out a section* and apparently swallowed it pretty much as the average man does an oyster after giving it one bite. Another section followed in the same way, and before I could turn around he thundered out:

"'Bring in some more pancakes.'

"I rushed back to the kitchen and detailed the situation to the head cook.

"'Why, dat must be Mr Butler,' said the cook, knowingly, and, calling to an assistant he told him to make up a big panful of pancake batter and to be 'mighty quick about it, for dar is a man in de dinin' room wid an appetite like a rat hole.' When I got back to the dining room one of the porterhouse steaks was missing. It had disappeared so quickly that I began to doubt whether I had brought it or not, when my mind was settled by Mr *Butler, who said, as he wiped his mouth and* chin:

"'That steak was just right, but this one is not quite rare enough.'

"*But he fell to it all the same and destroyed* it in large sections, supplemented by mouthfuls of egg, potatoes and onions, and an occasional half cup of coffee.

"'Where the —— are those pancakes?' he shouted, while glaring at me with one good eye, and then he turned as if to the cook.

"'Bring in those —— pancakes!'

"Well, sir, you may believe me or not, but Mr Butler got away with four dozen pancakes, and as for the steak, eggs and pota*toes,* there wasn't enough left to feed a cat. And then he got up and walked down the avenue as briskly as if he had only lunched on half a dozen raw oysters."—New York Tribune.

Not Likely to Forget It

Maj Thaxter, of Portland, Me, is one of *the few veterans who know that Virginia was the only Confederate state that sent* twelve cavalry regiments into the war. He got his information this way. He went out *with his regiment from Warrenton, Va, on* a raid. When he returned at night he rode to the place whence he had set out and came upon a cavalry camp asleep.

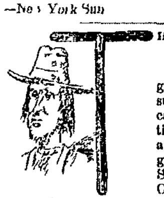
"What regiment is this?" he shouted.

"The Twelfth," was the answer.

"The Twelfth what?" he asked.

"Twelfth Virginia, you —— fool!" was the answer from one who was surprised that any one shouldn't know that there was but one Twelfth cavalry regiment in the service.

Maj Thaxter didn't wait for further information, but got away. He afterward learned that the Union troops had fallen back and the Confederates taken their place.—*New York Sun.*



His Evolution of a Poet

We are always glad to note the result of close application, determination to succeed and true American grit. Peter Peake Scamman, of Ovens, sent us a poem about a year ago, which, while bristling with gems of literary acumen, was not *exactly suited to the requirements of this paper.* We returned it with the advice that he persevere in his efforts, and that he has done so, with magnificent success, and at the *same time not allowing his brain to run away* with the practical affairs of life, is evidenced by his coming in today with a forty four pound pumpkin, to which is pinned the following beautiful sentiment exquisitely engrossed in purple ink:

When this you eat
Remember Pete
—Saskatchewan (Minn.) Exposer

Bold Western Hyperbole

"Did it rain?" exclaimed the western man, in the course of a thrilling recital of border *life.* "Say, *it rained so hard that afternoon* that the water stood three feet on a slant roof.—Buffalo Courier.

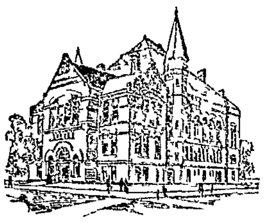
IMPOSING BUILDINGS.

CHICAGO'S CLAIM THAT SHE IS THE WORLD'S EIGHTH WONDER

Pictures of Some of the Lake City's Grandest Structures—Though Once Cheaply Built She Is Now Full of the Most Substantial Piles Extant

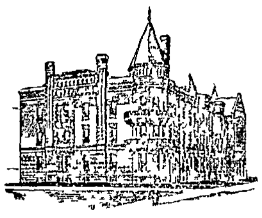
[Special Correspondence]

CHICAGO, Dec 27—Chicago modestly claims to be the eighth wonder of the world, and with much truth, for the growth of such a city from a mere settler's village, in the life time of one man, has never before occurred. Before the great fire of October, 1871, Chicago was, for the most part, cheaply built but now her buildings are made as solid as those of London, and every large structure recently completed is as beautiful as it is useful. The Armour Mission building with all its accompaniments gives Chicago *the most liberal charitable institution in the* world. The late Joseph Armour bequeathed $100,000 for the purpose, his brother Philip added $800,000 and the building is erected at *the corner of Thirty third and Butterfield* streets, a section where the poor are most numerous. Not only have the donors given *this building but they have* presented ninety 'flats,' the entire net rent of which goes to support the charity, so it will have an income of $25,000 a year. The church and Sunday school rooms have capacity to seat 3,000 people, and over 1,000 poor children are instructed in the free kindergarten. A dispensary supplies medicine and medical attendance free to all poor sufferers, the institution ministers to every form of need, and no person of any creed or nationality is turned away.



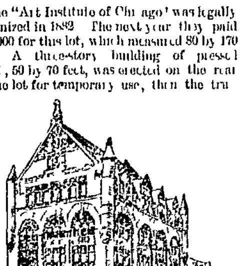
ARMOUR MISSION

Another structure lately added is the Art Institute, which is certainly a thing of beauty and may be a joy forever. As the engraving shows the style is unique. The aim was to construct, in general Romanesque, a very elaborate building, yet leave the exterior in the rough sufficient to prevent any appearance *of over ornamentation.* They call it, therefore the Richardson Romanesque. The building occupies the southwest corner of Michigan avenue and Van Buren street and *is of massive red sandstone. Large square* windows light the basement, while double square windows, with transoms and *immense double, round headed windows run* the full height of the second and third stories, the object being to secure abundant light for the main halls. The fourth story has *smaller windows and double dormers on the* side. The entrance on Michigan avenue is in the style of an old gothic arch but inside broad steps lead up to large and artistically paneled doors. The corners are turreted and the commanding points finished with *stone emblems of the purposes of the build*ing.

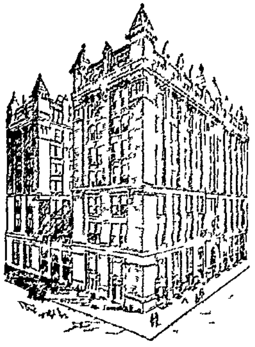


THE ARMOR FLATS

The "Art Institute of Chicago" was legally organized in 1882. The next year they paid $50,000 for this lot, which measured 80 by 170 feet. A three story building of pressed brick, 50 by 70 feet, was erected on the rear of the lot for temporary use, then the trustees began to collect money for the present *building, which was formally opened to the* public on Saturday Nov 20. It cost $175,000. The building is thoroughly fireproof, and beside the exhibition halls, is well fitted for classes in art. To these the basement is entirely devoted, as is the old building. The Decorative Art society, the Fortnightly Woman's club, the Chicago *Literary* club and similar association already hold regular sessions there. Of the sixteen galleries thirteen are devoted entirely to the art exhibition and the collection of masterpieces is already large. Among the noted pictures by American painters are "The Beheading of John the Baptist," by Charles Sprague Pearce, "Les Amateurs," by Alexander Harrison, "Interior of St Marks," by David Neal, and "Armenian Priests," by G P A Healy.



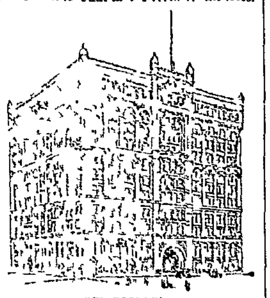
THE ART INSTITUTE



THE RIALTO

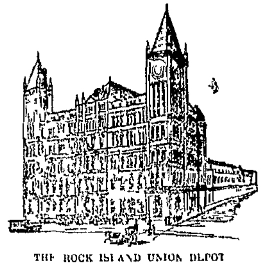
The great office building known as the Rialto stands, fronting south, on Van Buren street, just opposite the massive *depot of the* Rock Island railroad. From east to west the building extends from Pacific avenue to Sherman street, while just across the paved alley to the north is the vast wall of the magnificent Board of Trade building.

The Rialto occupies ground which is 148 by [illegible] feet, is 130 feet in height and has nine stories. It is built in the form of the letter H. *Unlike most office buildings it has no* interior court, deriving all its light from the exterior. Still such is the ingenuity of the plan there is a good light throughout the building. Seven elevators accommodate the occupants. The building is said to rent for about $100 000. The foundations of this building are composed of concrete and steel *rails thus securing adequate strength,* with an economy of room. When the first great office buildings were erected in Chicago the matter of securing suitable foundations puzzled the most experienced architects of the time but the younger and bolder architects came to the front and by careful measurements and experiments, calculated the weight the clay stratum, which is twelve feet below grade, would bear, and now they do not hesitate to run up their twelve story buildings if only they have the regulation breadth of foundation. The Rialto is said to have cost nearly $750,000.



THE ROOKERY

Another magnificent structure, to be completed early in 1888, is the "Rookery"—so called because it is on the site of an old water reservoir which was hastily turned into a court house after the great fire, and was by derision called a rookery. Mr Root, the *architect by whom the new structure was* designed insisted upon retaining the name for historic reasons and to emphasize the progress of the city. The Rookery is 180 *feet square and 165 feet high, with eleven* stories and a basement fireproof from foundation stone to pinnacle. Light is secured by an inside court, 75 feet square and lined throughout with white glazed brick. The structure cost $1 500 000, contains eight acres of floor space and is to be devoted chiefly to offices. It is expected that the annual rental will be nearly or quite $500,000. The style of architecture is like that in old East India buildings.



THE ROCK ISLAND UNION DEPOT

The Rock Island Railroad Union depot may challenge comparison with any structure for such purpose in the world. It is owned and occupied jointly by the above named road and the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, and forty seven first class trains arrive and depart daily. In this great human hive every want of the waiting pas*senger is supplied, and under management* at once so strict and so liberal that one is as safe as in any hotel, and quite as comfortable. The location is in the heart of *the city, on Van Buren* street between Sherman and Pacific avenues. It is 600 feet long and 172 feet wide and 200 feet high of Illinois limestone in rough cut massive blocks, with elegantly faced caps, sills and joints. The general effect is to combine grace, strength and solidity of appearance. Columns would be filled in describing the offices, waiting rooms, restaurants and numerous conveniences of the interior. It is a type of this age and this generation, showing how American sovereigns are determined to be comfortable when they travel, and how the progressive corporations respond to that want. J B PARKE

MARY E DUNLEVY

A Forgotten Heroine and Her Life History

[Special Correspondence]

BROOKLYN, Dec 26—The death of Mrs Mary E Dunlevy in Brooklyn some time ago, ended *the career of one of the great forgotten heroines of the country.* She was a Maine girl in the days when the great industry of the Granite state was ship building. She married Capt John W Dunlevy, of Bath, Me, and accompanied him on all his voyages. In April 1856, with their two little children they sailed in the ship Grotto to Sagua la Grande Cuba, where they took in a large and valuable cargo. On June 5 of that year, they weighed anchor and set sail for Fayal in the Azores. The ship was staunch, well provisioned and equipped, and had a crew of twenty able seamen. The day after they started a sailor fell sick with yellow *fever of the most malignant type,* and died the same evening. The next day four *were attacked, of whom two died.* Seven men were dead and all the crew helpless with *that terrible disease when the captain who,* up to that time, had been indefatigable in his efforts to save crew and ship, likewise sickened and within twenty four hours died. The *only well ones left were Mrs Dunlevy, two* seamen and the two children. On this day, after burying her husband, she took the sextant and found herself to be in lat 28 N, long 76 W, about 500 miles from where they had started.

Nothing daunted, she took command of the vessel and slowly navigated it toward New York. By carefully nursing the sick seamen, she soon had a few strong enough to spend an hour each at the wheel, and then be relieved. She herself did all the navigation taking her reckoning, every day at noon and on such evenings as The Nautical Almanac recommended. The weather fortunately was very *fair, a fine land breeze the last week* and the temperature comfortably cool. When the wind did freshen enough sailors had convalesced to shorten sail. On July 4, 1856, she *had the proud satisfaction of seeing Sandy* Hook light and hailing a New York pilot. Her remarkable courage and ability were everywhere applauded and she was made the lion of the day. The underwriters passed her a vote of thanks, and what was more substantial, gave her a handsome sum of money as salvage of vessel and cargo. Mrs Dunlevy after this fearful experience could never be induced to go on the water again. Her feeling went so far as to include ferry *boats and sound steamers.* She seldom crossed over to New York from Brooklyn, and never used a water route when she could travel by rail. F.

The Ginger Vice

Few people are aware of the effect or a terrible kind of dissipation known as *ginger drinking. The article used is the* essence of ginger, such as is put up in the several proprietary preparations known to the trade, or the alcoholic extract ordinarily sold over the druggist's counter. Having once acquired a liking for it, the victim becomes as much a slave to his appetite as the opium eater or the votary of cocaine. In its effect it is much the most injurious of all such practices, for in the *course of time it destroys the coating of the* stomach and dooms its victim to a slow and agonizing death. The druggist who told me about the thing says that as ginger essence contains about 100 per cent alcohol, and whisky less than 50 per cent, the former is therefore twice as intoxicating. In fact, this is the reason why it is used by hardened old topers whose stomachs are no longer capable of intoxicating stimulation from whisky. They heed the more powerful agency of the pure alcohol in the ginger extract.

He told me he had two regular customers, a woman who had contracted the habit through employing the ginger on several occasions for stomachic pains. *The relief it afforded her was so grateful* that she took to it upon any recurrence of her trouble. She found too, that the slight exhilaration of the alcohol banished *mental depression. In this way* she got to using it regularly, and finally to such excess that she was often grossly intoxicated. Large doses produce a quiet stupor, additional doses produce a profound lethargic slumber, which lasts in some cases for twenty four hours. His other customer was a peddler who came at a certain hour every morning, bought a four ounce bottle and drank its contents by noon. The man craved the stuff so ardently that he was unable to go about his business until he had set the machinery of his stomach in operation, and started the circulation of the blood by means of the fiery draught. He says that the habit is well known to the drug trade.—Brooklyn Citizen.

The Lime Kiln Club's Rules

The following new rules and regulations will go into effect next week:

1 All dogs brought into the hall must *enter at the peril of their lives.*

2 Members must not discuss presidential candidates anywhere within half a mile of Paradise hall.

3 *It will not be considered in good taste* for any member to remove his shoes during the meeting of the club.

4 Except in rare instances no member shall be given over seven minutes time for speaking.

5 As many members are dilatory in showing up at the weekly meetings, the doors hereafter will be locked at ten minutes after the opening hour, and even Elder Toots, if persisting upon an entrance after that time will feel something hit him.

6 Religious debates in the ante rooms and discussions as to the age of Noah in the library must and shall be stopped.

7 Members must see to it in paying their dues that all lead nickels are saved out to pay street car fare and buy cigars.

8 Any member who is two months in arrears for dues may be looked upon as a suspicious character and treated accordingly.

9 *The edict banishing raw onions from* the hall during sessions is hereby revoked. It has lately been discovered that they ward off the hoodoo, yellow fever, lame *back and several other diseases.*

10 A member who votes yes or no on a resolution cannot change his vote without a satisfactory explanation and the con*sent of the chair.* He will be granted three minutes in which to explain why he backs water.—Detroit Free Press.

Water at a Watering Place

The prince though stout (and what I call a little beefy, though the girls wouldn't say so for the world) is a very quick nervous man who does everything as quickly as a cat can move. He talks in quick, jerky sentences and moves like a flash. He walked twice as fast as any man in Homburg when he was taking his exercise along with his waters. Well, he turned up every morning at 7, and there *were all the girls.* He took his glass of water and began to fly around the walks in the park nodding now to one friend and now to another. You had better be*lieve that the girls were all there,* red eyed and ghastly, because of getting up so early. But they had to take their chances, because no one is allowed to speak to the prince until he speaks first. He had about seven or eight men and women in his party, and he would fly around with them more than half the time. But suddenly, every now and then, he would halt in front of a Yankee miss and say, "Don't you want to walk a little?" He then would start off with her for a turn or two, and then drop her and take up some one else.—Tourist in Philadelphia Times.

Conventional Forgiveness

It is comparatively easy to forgive an offense, but most people after doing that, conscientiously refrain from forgetting it.

"*I am sure I forgive her, and wish to be* forgiven," said a woman who had violently quarreled with a relative. "I lay up nothing against her. She's treated me like a dog, and if I'd had any spirit, I should have resented it before. I wouldn't trust her as far as I could see her, and as for speaking to her I wouldn't lower myself to that! But I don't believe in nursing up wrath, and so I've forgiven her for all the wickedness she's tried to compass against me. She didn't succeed in it, and she never will succeed, for I'll keep my eye on her and outwit her at every turn. And if it ever comes in my way to do her a favor, she may whistle for it."—Youths' Companion.

How They Remember Their Partners.

I have often wondered how gentlemen remembered ladies to whom they had just been introduced at balls when hunting them up to dance. I picked up a programme from the floor at the charity ball which gave some light. The gentleman had put beside the name of each stranger a word suggesting something distinguishing in her toilette. But better was the programme of a gentleman who is visiting St Paul which I saw. He sketches readily and had drawn the profile of one lady, a diamond star which blazed at the neck of another, eye glasses for a third and so on. A stroke or two as he moved *away and the fair lady was stamped* upon his memory—rather his programme.—Pioneer Press.

The Island of Ceylon

Greater progress has been made in agriculture, spice and fruit raising in the Island of Ceylon during the past few years than in any period since it has been under the control of the English. It is said to be the cheapest place in the world to live in. Unhulled rice sells in some districts for ten cents a bushel, and fruit commands only a nominal price.—Chicago Times.

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TEA TABLE TALK

Plain silk black silks especially are in high favor

Woolen crochet trimmings resembling rich appliques, are used upon cloth gowns

Electric blue and moss green are ingeniously blended in some of the new trimmings

A favorite design for braiding a bodice is in V shape back and front widening into a yoke as it reaches the shoulders

Bonnet strings are now secured with visible pins, the head being set with a single pearl topaz, garnet, amethyst or other stone

Cut steel ornaments are in vogue again and the steel passementeries are among the most beautiful of the season's trimmings

Elegant wraps for evening wear are made of white cloth having a velvet like finish and braided all over with gold cord in stripes

Ostrich feather boas are a tasteful novelty They are made of feathers in all the natural shades, or all in black or black and white together

Colored lace balayeuses upon evening dresses are new They keep clean longer than white but are not so fresh and dainty when new

A novelty in bracelets is composed of narrow ribbons of gold which are tied in a double bow knot for a clasp, which is set with pearls

Some of the newest tea gowns have immense angel sleeves which are put on with epaulettes at the shoulders and fall like huge wings to the floor

Gimp, the veritable article of a dozen years ago, has returned to us Various sizes of fine cord are utilized and the patterns are very finely wrought

Walking gloves of Swedish kid or finely dressed dogskin are worn with promenade costumes These come in most of the cloth shades to match the toilet

Bretelles are a feature of many of the new costumes, and very elaborate epaulettes are sometimes attached to trimmings for the front of a bodice to be put on as braces

Except in jet beads are largely giving place in dress trimmings to metallic threads, which are used for appliques or other embroideries either alone or mixed with cord

Shot stockings are shown to wear with evening gowns Some of these have open work stripes in relief which run from the foot to the ankle then cross the leg horizontally

SCIENTIFIC SQUIBS

Highly polished brass may be kept absolutely bright and free from tarnish by thinly coating them twice with a varnish of bleached shellac and alcohol

Manufacturers complain that the African rubbers now received do not yield when strained and cleaned, more than thirty to fifty five per cent pure rubber gum owing to the natives adulterating with sawdust, bark dust etc to overcome the inconvenient stickiness of the juice

The singular fact is demonstrated that while the most rapid cannon shots scarcely attain a velocity of 600 meters a second—over 1 500 miles per hour—meteorites are known to penetrate the air with a velocity of 40 000 or even 60 000 meters per second a velocity which raises the air at once to a temperature of 4 000 degs to 6 000 degs Cent

The new pencils introduced for writing upon glass porcelain and metals in red white and blue are made by melting together spermaceti, four parts tallow, three parts, and wax, two parts and coloring the mixture with white lead red lead or Prussian blue as desired These pencils are convenient in the laboratory and save the trouble of labeling

With the aid of science even the desert of the Sahara is becoming inhabitable and colonization is encouraged The Lower Sahara is an immense basin of artesian waters and the French are forming fresh oases with skill and success so that the number of cultivated tracts is increasing rapidly After a period of thirty years forty three oases have 13 000 inhabitants 140 000 trees between 1 and 7 years old and 100 000 fruit trees

DOINGS OF SPORTSMEN

George Carvin of Downettown, N J shot twenty four rabbits in one day and his friend Clinton Butler eleven

With six guns and six hounds a party from Paterson N J took out of the brush and woodland of Waterloo thirty one coons and fifteen rabbits

J C Barber of Lanny Ga shot and killed a pure white partridge while hunting recently He says there were four more of them in the covey

Four boys, all under 15 years of age went hunting near Little Rock Ark and in an hour one of them Arnold Drummond was laid out with both legs shattered while another had lost a hand

A Crawford county (Ia) youth named Armagost went gunning for a pheasant for his sick mother, but returned disappointed He had hardly entered the house when a crash of window glass was heard and a plump partridge lay dead on the floor with its neck broken

Fifteen thousand wild duck shot in a single day is the record of the Susquehanna flats says The Baltimore American William Dobson of Havre de Grace on the opening day, eight years ago killed 542 and burst a handsome gun before he stopped He kept two men busy all day picking up dead ducks He has the highest single record

RICH IN YEARS

In a chatty intelligent and cheerful manner Mrs Frances Edgar of Philadelphia relates the incidents attending Lafayette's visit and tells of her first glimpse of Washington She has just passed her 100th birthday

Dr Sheldon C Johnson of S[illegible] Conn the oldest physician in the state died a few days ago aged 90 years He had been a successful practicing physician there over sixty years He was a graduate of the Yale Medical school

Mr Peter Hallenan Burnett the first American governor of California has lately completed his 80th year He lives in San Francisco and enjoys capital health Senor Pio Pico the last Spanish governor is still living in Los Angeles county He is nearly 90 years old

Oren and Roena Shelley of Keene N H have been married sixty seven years during which time they have lived together in harmony Mr Shelley is 91 and his good wife 90 years of age They are bright and lively, and expect to reach the century post. Both are natives of New England

PERSONAL GOSSIP

[illegible] Carlo [illegible]

[illegible] is projecting to erect a statue [illegible] Washington in [illegible]

[illegible] has arranged [illegible] China, Japan and India for 188[illegible]

Ex-[illegible] Crews does not believe that the [illegible] will ever be reached except by balloon

[illegible] of the four presidents of the French republic since its origin in 1848 was born in Paris

M Grevy [illegible] twelve cabinets with 1[illegible] ministers serve under him while president of France

Andrew D White of Cornell says poker will soon be a necessary part of a cultivated [illegible]

M Grevy slept soundly for eight hours the night after his resignation—for the first time in six [illegible]

Congressman Scott will spend $[illegible]000 during the winter [illegible]

Mohini M Chatterjee the young Brahmin philosopher who came to this country last year has returned to India

Sir [illegible] Mackenzie has received $[illegible] up to [illegible] for his attendance on the [illegible] of Germany

Gens Sherman and Sheridan will review the state militia [illegible] at the centennial celebration in Ohio next September

The Court Journal says that Kaiser William [illegible] abdicate in favor of his son the [illegible] May

The last words of Rev Joseph Parker [illegible] Liverpool were that he should [illegible] to America again

[illegible] of New [illegible] will winter in Philadelphia [illegible] has a cork leg

[illegible] his 80th year is in [illegible] health of mind and body and [illegible] literary work

It appears that Bismarck has [illegible] prefect of [illegible] 1848 and [illegible] about to retire

J J Ingalls of Cincinnati carries an insurance of $400,000 on his life—the largest sum carried by any resident of that city

At the ball of the Pelican club where Sullivan lately sparred before the Prince of Wales the Pelicans all appeared in Pelican [illegible]

Complaint is made in Washington that William Walter Phelps is wearing the same rusty brown suit which he wore as a chestnut six years ago

Sam Small announces that he has given up his labors as an evangelist and is now a preacher in the Methodist church South at Washington D C

Samuel Spencer who has been made president of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad at a salary of $[illegible]000 a year, was a rodman earning a scant salary a few years ago He is not yet 40 years old

The new French president belongs to a family of Scotch origin The original name was Carnie the French diminutive of which would be Carnot or little [illegible] This was soon corrupted into Carnot

Prince Regent Luitpold of Bavaria was bitten in the hand while hunting by a dog, which it is feared was mad Fortunately the wounds are not deep and do not deprive the prince of the use of his hand

Carter Harrison wants all the American women to dress as per the Chinese rule "We would then have our better halves dressed," he says "to please an artistic eye, without the present waste of female health and strength

Announcement is made that within three weeks Maurice Bernhardt who was almost as well known in New York as his divine and adorable mother's tiger will lead to the matrimonial altar the celebrated beauty "Princess Jeeka Jablonowska"

The other morning early a little curly headed girl of 6 or 7 years went to the Maine state house and asked an officer "Is Governor Bodwell dead?" "Yes" was the reply "Oh, he used to give me candy!" she exclaimed and turned away crying bitterly

Mr Labouchere is down on the tall hat He says "I do so loathe it that if the present ministry would deal it a coup de grace by increasing my opponents I almost think that gratitude would oblige me to turn Tory—even at the risk of having my head staved in by a Tory cudgel"

John B Alley, of Massachusetts, is said to be worth considerably over $10,000,000 He is the richest Republican in the old Bay state and is fond of politics The greater part of his fortune was made in speculation and he is constantly adding to it Mr Alley is 70 years old

The remains of President Carnot's illustrious grandfather are in the cemetery at Magdeburg and an attempt will now be made to have them brought home to France He had an exile prescribed by the restored Bourbons for having voted for the killing of Louis XVI

Mr and Mrs Blaine Miss Blaine and Miss Dodge (Gail Hamilton) have gone to Marseilles Mr Blaine thinks seriously of going to Algiers whence he may sail for Naples He has left his heavy luggage at Paris It is said that he may on his return to Paris put up with Mr and Mrs Morton

Paul Philippoteaux the painter of the Gettysburg and Niagara Falls cycloramas has just finished a work upon which he has been engaged for two years consisting of thirty pictures of scenes in the life of Gen Grant beginning with his infancy and ending with his funeral [illegible] to be exhibited first at Boston and then through the country

Mr Frederick Villiers the well known war correspondent and artist of The London Graphic has entered the lecture field He was with [illegible] through the Turco-Servian and Russo-Turkish war and has a great fund of interesting experiences which he will [illegible] with graphic [illegible]

[illegible] smoked but one cigar in his life [illegible] that he never [illegible] that many a man who [illegible] good cigars in [illegible] could have [illegible]

The Prince of Wales was slightly wounded [illegible] Swedish nobleman [illegible] shooting at Sandringham [illegible] his royal highness [illegible] the other guest who was [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] of Sussex [illegible] Sussex [illegible] "[illegible] Good [illegible] Expatriated Exiled No longer republican, but monarchist Come and see us"

HERE AND THERE

[illegible] in 1545

Harvard distributed $[illegible],000 to indigent students last year

In the time of King Edward III the price of the Bible in England was £[illegible]

Electric lights are now being used by submarine divers with great effect

A phrenologist has been making money of late in Washington examining the bumps on senatorial heads

Most of the London churches have offered up prayers for the recovery of the crown prince of Germany

Volapuk is publicly taught in France Germany Switzerland Italy, Spain Portugal, Austria Russia and Denmark

The Grand Army has increased from 60,6[illegible] in 1880 to [illegible] in 1887 The gain in the past year and a quarter was 46,1[illegible]

An immense hunting expedition is about to start for Masailand the ground of Rider Haggard's last novel Allan Quatermain

The Hospital Saturday fund in London amounts to $[illegible]0,000 this year Collections are made every Saturday in workshops and factories

Several German firms have given notice to houses in Bradford where there are many Germans, that they will adopt Volapuk in corresponding with English manufacturers

The London Times says that a few weeks ago some excavations at Pompeii brought to light a set of surgical instruments many of which resemble instruments in use at the present day

John Hinnan an Ohio man proposes to start a daily newspaper in the Finnish language at Hancock, Mich Jan 1 It will be the only daily in that language published in the United States

A Maine man as an experiment clipped the fleece from a pet Newfoundland dog and had it carded and spun into yarn It yielded four skeins of jet black yarn weighing two and one-quarter pounds and was as soft as wool

A solid lump of coal containing eighty seven cubic feet and weighing 6 351 pounds was exhibited at the Texas state fair recently held at Dallas It was the largest block of coal ever taken from a mine in the United States

It is said that the most acceptable of all holiday presents to a lady from her husband [illegible] or any friend who has a right to give it is a long narrow strip of tinted paper on which is written "Pay to the order [illegible]

Mr and Mrs Lewis an American couple have been traveling for four months through Europe on a tandem cycle Their joint expenses by this mode of traveling have been limited to twenty six shillings a day, sight seeing fees included

Mr Jesse Haworth of Bowdon, Cheshire has presented to the British museum the throne chair of Queen Hatasu of the eighteenth Egyptian dynasty, B C 1600 This is the oldest piece of furniture in the world the date of which is known

An example of economy was that of Ignatz [illegible] in his Detroit store, who lighted the gas jets one after another with a single match until it burned his fingers and then dropped it into a pile of cotton, the result of which was a general panic and a damage of $1 [illegible]00

In France 13[illegible] 34 827 francs are expended in public instruction and 13,936,655 on the fine arts There is an elementary school for every 172 inhabitants, and a primary attendance of 3 888 080 Of the entire appropriation this year 81 [illegible]00 000 francs were set down for primary education

Recently a consignment of 18 870 boxes of raisins from Fresno Cal were shipped via the Sunset route to New York The weight of the consignment was 417,000 pounds, and it occupied a special train of twenty cars It was the largest single shipment of freight ever made from California, and regular rates were paid

A Philadelphia merchant says that, in opening the mail in the morning he always reserves for the last those letters which have "The Honorable" prefixed to the address His experience has been that in nine cases out of ten they are written by persons who ask some favor and make use of the prefix in a mild attempt at flattery

In Buenos Ayres there is a bank which has a paid up capital of $5[illegible] 000,000, deposits of 5 000 000, and a line of discounts amounting to $40 000 000 The Argentine Republic imports $[illegible]0 000 000 worth of goods, and of this sum the United States gets only $5 000 000 The country is already a powerful competitor in the markets of the world for dressed beef and wheat

A Chicago clergyman, in a recent sermon on the vices of great cities gave a severe rap at certain eminent divines who have been in the habit of visiting the slums to obtain similar evidence of their iniquity "I have not personally visited the vile places of the city for the purpose of afterward preaching about them said he "that is too thin" Whereupon the congregation audibly smiled

Indications now point to the existence of a submarine volcanic crater between the Canary Islands and the coast of Portugal From a cable laying steamer in 30 degs [illegible] mins north [illegible] degs [illegible] mins west the water was found to measure 1 400 fathoms under the bow and 1 800 under the stern, showing the ship to be over the edge of a deep depression in the ocean bottom The well known great earthquakes in the bed of the Sea of Lisbon are thought to be due to a submarine chain of mountains

LITERARY NOTES

The serials in Harper's for 1888 are to be by William Black and W D Howells

Mr Chamberlain it is said will write a book on his American trip when he returns to England

Mrs Frank Leslie intends to arrange for the publication of a Spanish American newspaper in the City of Mexico

In Robert Louis Stevenson's "Chapter on Dreams" in Scribner's for January he will tell of one of the phantoms which disturbed his school and gave him the bent which [illegible] made him a writer of romances

Sister Frances M Clare better known as the Nun of Kenmare has written and Belford Clark & Co have published a little work with the title "Anti Poverty and Progress" It is in the nature of a reply to the [illegible] theories of Henry George with special reference to the case of Dr McGlynn

Swinburne who contributes to the Athenaeum [illegible] enigmatic little poem headed "May 188[illegible]" will have in the Nineteenth Century for January an article called "De[illegible]" It sets forth that he has been intrusted with the papers of a lady [illegible] asylum who devoted [illegible] years to proving that Tennyson's [illegible] were written by Darwin

[illegible] will shortly give to the world a [illegible] in which she will put all her [illegible] The book will be [illegible] Victor Hugo [illegible] such a profanation and it will [illegible] prove to future chroniclers and [illegible] a [illegible] of not valuable human [illegible] concerning men and manners under the third republic

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS

During her twenty years of married life Mrs. John Guest, of Wichita Kan, has presented her husband with twenty two children. She has twice given birth to twins and once to triplets

The store of a man named Windley, at Hunter's Bridge N C, was plundered by burglars recently When he informed his wife of the fact she fainted and died before she could be restored to consciousness

Lightning struck a basket of eggs in a farm yard near Meriden Miss not long ago, and a man who witnessed the descent of the electric fluid solemnly declared that it hatched out chickens from several of the eggs

There is a man in the Kansas penitentiary who beginning with a term at Sing Sing years ago, has served his time in regular succession in the penitentiaries of New York, Pennsylvania Ohio Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Kansas

A darky applied to the county clerk at Smithville Ga recently for a marriage license but on being informed that it would cost $1 75 he departed without one, saying that he wasn't in any hurry, nohow, and he guessed they'd be cheaper after a while

Farmer Hinsman who found a spring on his farm near Holland Mich that will make hair grow on most anything has sold the cow and calf on which he had raised long whiskers to a Chicago museum for $1,300 He will ship some of the water to the animals each week

A mill in Carlton Mich, recently burned, and during the entire conflagration the big engine ran steadily and so in some way was saved from destruction The working of the engine kept the pumps going so the boilers were kept supplied with water and there was no explosion

A drunken laborer named John Davies, at Dowlais England, on his way home lay down beside the railroad track so close to the rails that a train coming along, the engine ran over and cut off the heel of his boot. When the train stopped and picked up the man was still asleep and was indignant at being made to get up and go home

A Montana paper recently contained this remarkable notice "Mr Charles Johnson and Miss Fannie West were married by Rev S Hills on Wednesday So far no trouble has resulted, and those best informed as to the situation say there will be none" The next day the editor apologized and explained that part of an item regarding an incipient strike had got in the wrong place

George Frey, of Oil City Pa, wrote a letter to his brother in Michigan a few nights ago and after sealing it he happened to glance at the clock It had stopped at 9 45 Mr Frey set the clock from his watch, and the sound of the ticking seemed to him strangely like a low voice calling out "I'm gone, I'm gone" In the morning Mr Frey received a telegram announcing his brother's death and a subsequent letter contained the information that he died at 9 45 and that his last words were "I'm gone!"

SOME QUEER MISHAPS

William Merritt of Newark lost the calf of his leg by the accidental discharge of his gun while hunting in the Berkshire woods

Patrick Hannon of Springfield, Mass, 17 years of age, must do without his right hand in future He was shooting ducks when his gun burst and the fingers of that hand went flying after the game

Capt Reynolds, of Raddon Court, Latchford England lost his life by his gun exploding as he was climbing a fence The charge shattered his left knee, and amputation did not save him

James Evanson came into Washington, N C, from the country to buy an ax While departing from the store with his purchase he dropped it and it fell on his right foot, completely severing the second toe

Miss Catherine Simonds, who lived near Reading England lost her life while hunting Her horse stumbled in a rabbit hole, Miss Simonds fell and her horse kicked out her brains before she could be rescued.

With his hand hanging in shreds, William Irwin, of Morris Plains, N J walked to a hospital where the wounded member was amputated He had been hunting rabbits, and his gun was prematurely discharged.

John and Cyrus Mark, of Pueblo, Colo, went duck shooting and, seeing a flock, were creeping upon them through the brush Cyrus was just behind his brother His gun caught in the brush and was discharged and John fell dead having received the contents in his back

James Lawless a railroad section boss was riding on a railroad bicycle on the Pemberton and Seashore railroad, when he was overtaken by an extra train consisting of an engine and Superintendent Bannard's special car and his machine run down He was killed outright

BASEBALL TALK

Healy says he will not pitch for Indianapolis next year

Kelly's work in right field is pronounced the finest ever seen in San Francisco

Billy McLean of Philadelphia, is mentioned as one of the probable League umpires next year

[illegible] is a great pitcher, the superior, we might add, of any who has twirled a ball in this state—San Francisco Call

Capt Anson says he is willing to concede that Caruthers is Clarkson's superior outside of the box but he can't pitch such ball as Clarkson

[illegible] says Dave Foutz's arm has commenced to draw up as Charley Sweeney's did and it is probably lost, as far as good pitching is concerned

Official expressions from both the Philadelphia and Athletic clubs indicate that twenty five cents will continue to be the price of admission to ball games in the Quaker City

Toronto will have a great nine next season despite the departure of several players They will have Decker c and r f Old [illegible] Atkinson Cashman [illegible] Kearns 2b Rickley 3b McLaughlin s s and captain, Burke, l f, [illegible] Connors, r f

POLITICAL PICKINGS

It cost the United States $2 000 000 a year to carry on the war of 1812 even at this late date—Chicago News

There are seven Georgians who it is believed would like to succeed Senator Colquitt Two of them are Congressmen Turner and Crisp

The people who want Bob Lincoln for president in 1888 will have to keep on calling It will all help swell the noise—Chicago Inter Ocean

The St Louis Post-Dispatch (Dem) wants the meeting of congress changed to October or November at the latest and says "It seems absurd to continue an arrangement of sessions which leaves all of the work of both sessions into the last year of the term for which the members were elected, and very often makes a miserable abortion of the short session"

Bad Health of the Rich

Bad health afflicts the millionaire as it does the pauper Many a modern Midas has the dyspepsia and he cannot eat the dainty things which his French cook brings him Amos Lawrence of Boston, did not dare to tempt his stomach by eating with his family and had to confine himself to oat meal gruel Jay Gould lately telegraphed to a London doctor for a cure for neuralgia and the pills which he received in response did not help him a bit All the millions in the world will not stop the jumping toothache and Mrs A T Stewart paid $32 000 a year to three physicians during her latter days and died at last, and she was not happy under the process All of Mayor Hewitt's wealth will not drive away insomnia Insomnia is the ghost of many a rich man and I doubt that Hewitt would give many thousand dollars to know that it would never visit him again He had in Washington during his congressional career a half dozen different houses and could not buy sleep at the highest rental rates

During part of the time he lived at Wormley's hotel and had the whole top floor reserved for him He would travel from one bedroom to another night after night seeking a soporific pillow, but his efforts were often in vain and the crowing of the cocks, the yawling of the cats and the barking of the dogs drove sleep from his eyelids A baker, who was probably happy when he made $3 a day, lived near Hewitt's Washington house This baker's name was Kaiser and this Kaiser had a dog The dog disturbed Hewitt night after night and Hewitt made such a fuss about it that his trouble was published in the papers throughout the country Kaiser however, would not sell the dog and the rich man was forced to listen to it—Frank G Carpenter in Kansas City Journal

Curiosities of a Mexican Town

Close to the city the Guanajuata quarries yield a beautiful stone, which has now a clear pea green and now a bright pink color, and which is very fine for building purposes with the one drawback—that the slabs obtained while they may be had of almost any desired area are but three or four inches in thickness For columns, however, this is rather an advantage as may be seen in the portico of the great theater now building where the grouped pillars have an appearance almost of mosaic from the striated effect of the stone aforesaid The market place of Guanajuata is laid at all sorts of planes and angles and it is a most picturesque and interesting district Especially is it rich in arbolarias or herb stands, where are sold the simples affected by the hoi polloi, not only vegetable in form, but echinoderm shells, deers' hoofs, many mineral remedies, armadillo shells, polecats split open and dried and many other kindred inviting rostrums Here, too are sold various charming sorts of pottery—the lovely iridescent ware, the discovery of whose manufacture in Mexico has created a veritable furor among the affectors of ceramics—the red, double spouted, canteen like water bottles and the strikingly effective ware of Guadalajara which, by the way, may here be bought for a trifle 78 cents the bottle, while in Chihuahua or Mexico it costs from $1 to $3—San Francisco Chronicle

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Dr Sage's Catarrh Remedy cures when every other so called remedy fails

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A passenger train ran through a flock of 4 000 sheep near Yakima W T recently killing 100 of them without derailing the engine

A Man Who Dyes to Live

There is in Tacoma W T, a man who dyes to live and lives to dye and the more he dyes the better he lives This man writes to say "For the past two years I have been a perfect martyr to dyspepsia—all the food I would take into my stomach turned my insides into a boiling cauldron of acid generating pains and discomfort throughout my system I have tried all kinds of remedies, and the only unfailing cure I ever found is Acker's Dyspepsia Tablets I am glad to recommend these to all who suffer from this dread complaint because I am sure they will give relief W D ROBERTSON Tacoma Steam Dye Works"

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The switching engines of the Caledonian Railroads in Glasgow are to be provided with trumpets for signals instead of whistles The system will also soon be adopted in London

A Pastor Cured by Faith

Rev Dr John Williamson, Pastor Michigan Ave church, Chicago has been cured by faith Jas A Sterling County Assessor, Roseburg Or was not cured by faith, but by Acker's Blood Elixir He says—"I have derived so much benefit by taking Acker's Blood Elixir, that I unhesitatingly endorse it as a medicine of unusual reliability I urge all who may be afflicted with disorders of the blood, to give this most excellent remedy a fair trial, because I am sure after doing so they will corroborate this statement of mine and thank me for making it" This wonderful Blood Elixir is guaranteed and sold by E Denison & Co, druggists

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An Escanaba county man died last Saturday and a post mortem examination of his remains showed a small lizard in his stomach which had literally bitten him to death He had been taking medicine for dyspepsia

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Henry Conrad Greenwood, Neb met his death in a singular way last week He was going hunting with his hired man, and directed the latter to place his gun in the wagon and drive on ahead while he followed on foot The jolting of the vehicle discharged the gun and the entire charge lodged in Conrad's head killing him almost instantly

Her Life Was Saved

C E Ballard, Druggist of Vassar, Mich, says—"Mrs T H Pratt living about two miles from here was very sick with Consumption and given up to die I persuaded her to take Acker's English Remedy,' and in a very short time her lungs healed all soreness went away and to use her own expression 'My life was saved or I owe my life to Acker's English Remedy' This medicine is a positive cure for all throat and lung troubles colds croup whooping cough and asthma Sold on a positive guarantee by E Denison & Co druggists

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I have used Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in my family, for Colds and Coughs, with infallible success and should not dare to be without this medicine through the winter months—Russel Bodine Hughesville Lycoming Co, Pa

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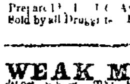

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Snow an inch deep was reported at Monterey Mexico last Friday and so cold was the weather that Howe's circus which went out there three days ago had to build a fire around the elephant to prevent the animal from freezing

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Cap C A Borelli New York was cured of a 10 years case of piles by Palmer's Skin Success

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London traders say the outlay for Christmas this season has been phenomenal and it is no misnomer to call it "Merry England" this year At the same time Austria is haunted by the specter of war and stagnation prevails in the shops at Vienna

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One hundred and eighty poor widows in Boston each receiving a silver half dollar on Monday as a Christmas present from the fund left by the late William H Knight an old time Boston merchant for that purpose

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The amount of Opium that thoughtless mothers give their children in the form of syrups and cordials Babies that are peevish fretful cross or troubled with windy colic, teething pains or stomach disorders can be relieved at once by using Acker's Baby Soother It contains no opium or morphine hence is safe Sold by E Denison & Co, druggists

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A stretch of railroad track, extending three miles out from Madisonville O is said by a Cincinnati paper to be the scene of so many accidents as to have earned for itself the name of "Dead man's curve"

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An offer of one million dollars per annum is said to have been made the government of Peru by a Chinese merchant of the house in San Francisco for the exclusive right to import opium into Peru

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When you want something to tend strictly to business and cure a cough or cold get Dr Tanner's Cough Honey

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A Poland China hog in McDonough county, Ill, has just won a bet of $25 for its owner by eating thirty pumpkins in thirty consecutive days

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A Nevada ranchman to protect his cattle from the effects of blizzards has painted them all with a mixture of tar red clay and linseed oil

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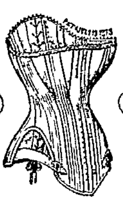

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LOCAL NEWS.

—Miss Clara [illegible] was visiting among her relatives at Columbus

—D [illegible] was down from Cleveland attending the Huber election of officers

—Samuel Shrock left for Indiana last Saturday to visit his friends and relatives there

—J W Philips of Kansas City, Mo was guest of his brother Jim at Hotel Marion

—Miss Allie [illegible] was at Bellefontaine spending her New Years with relatives

—Miss Minnie Evans of Delaware, was a guest of Miss Zelda Davis on east Center street

—Mrs G W Luellen and daughters spent Sunday the guests of their Delaware friends

—Mrs Anna C Lyons of London, O, was spending New Years with the Misses Leonard

—Misses S [illegible] and Ella Ault left Saturday last for Bellefontaine, where they spent New Years

—Miss Cora [illegible] spent the past week with her relatives and friends in Columbus and Newark

—Chas Ledeman has arrived home after a ten days sojourn in Memphis and other southern cities

—I J Magruder was spending New Years in Bellefontaine, the guest of his daughter, Mrs I J Short

—Miss Grace Griffith returned to Pittsburg Saturday, after two weeks visit with Mr and Mrs I S Cummin

—Thomas Nephew of Oakland Ill formerly a resident of this county is visiting the Thompsons and other friends

—Miss Mattie Hill returned to her home in Akron Tuesday, after two weeks spent very pleasantly among her Marion friends

—Mrs B F Waples and daughter Carrie, and Mrs G W Kendrick were at Richwood to remain over Sunday with Mrs G W Crawford

—Hon I G Young left for Columbus Tuesday to attend the opening of the Ohio Legislature B G is a big gun among the State law makers

—Mrs Frederick, wife of the round house foreman of the C and A, at Marion, returned to Huntington on Monday after spending Sunday with her husband

—Edna the nine-year-old daughter of Mr Chas Harraman, the county Recorder, died at 12 30 Saturday, of diphtheria The funeral occurred Monday at 11 o clock

—Jno Anderson is about the happiest man in town He will remember the last day of 1887 as the birthday of his daughter, a bright little lady who arrived last Saturday

—Mr and Mrs A M Emerine, Mr and Mrs I Hale and Mr and Mrs J P Warner all of Fostoria spent New Years with Rev R Wallace and wife, on east Center street

—Mr and Mrs O W Johnston were at Troy, Ohio, to spend New Years with Mrs Johnston s sister Mrs C L Van Cleve Miss Claudia Hitchcock accompanied them

—Richwood Gazette Mrs L J Finley, of Marion is visiting at the home of her son, L R Finley for a few days Miss Kanable of Marion, was the guest of Miss Laura Linder during the past week

—At the meeting of the stockholders of the Malleable Iron company on Monday the old board of directors was re-elected The officers are L Huber, President, H M Barnhart Vice President B F Waples, Secretary, F L Young, Manager, J L Bell, Treasurer P Bucher, Foreman

—Messrs I H B Beale I S Beale, Dr Adams and L M Beale, assisted by J S Duff and Chas Schell entertained about twenty young friends as a fitting close of the New Year s festivities Like all former soirees given at Mr Beale s home, it was a very merry entertainment that none could help enjoying

—The Marion Manufacturing company's election of Directors Monday evening resulted in the re-election of the old board, with the exception of James Bryan and John Evans, who were succeeded by R T Parkinson and Dr Rhu The officers are B F Waples President J W Stringer, Vice President and General Manager, H Ackerman, Secretary and Treasurer, F Stroble Superintendent

—The new M P church, known as Parr Cemetery Chapel in Bowling Green township, will be dedicated on Sunday, Jan 8th, 1888 The new edifice is 30x56 feet with galleries, and is as fine a country meeting house as there is in this county It is located two miles southwest of LaRue Among the well known ministers who will assist in the dedication are Rev D C Garrison, of Richwood, and Rev A P McNutt, of Byhalia

—Messrs L Huber, Geo B Christain, J J Hane, W H Gordon, B F Waples and C P Galley, who were recently elected trustees of the Mechanics Library, have taken steps to inform themselves in regard to the rules governing library associations throughout the State and, after due consideration, have recommended a constitution similar to that of the Mercantile Library, of Cincinnati A meeting of the association has been called for January 6th to consider this subject Let all turn out whether members or not and encourage this worthy project

—Exchange "Tell me not in mournful numbers" that the town is full of gloom for the man s a crank who slumbers in these bustling days of boom Life is real, life is earnest and the grave is not its goal, every dollar that thou turnest helps to make the old town roll But enjoyment and not sorrow is our destined end of pay If you have no money borrow—buy a corner lot each day! Lives of great men all remind us, we can win immortal fame, let us leave the chumps behind us and we ll get there just the same In this world s broad field of battle in the bivouac of life, let us make the dry bones rattle—buy a corner for your wife! Let us then be up and doing with a heart for any fate, still achieving still pursuing, booming early booming late

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I have used Surprise Liniment for rheumatism and testify it is the very best remedy I have ever tried My wife used it for sore throat and found speedy relief

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—Hank Smiley and wife spent Sunday and Monday in Shelby O Smiley s former home

—Policeman Wash Whipps has been ill for the past few days but is getting better again

—Ed K Clark and family are spending a week or so in Galion, at the home of Mrs Clark's mother

—The old Board of Directors and officers of the Huber company have been re-elected for another year

—Mr and Mrs O Wollenweber of Columbus O, are the guests of Mr and Mr G Leffler for a week

—Homer Johnston, James Beatty and Miss Linsley, all left to resume their studies at Oberlin Tuesday

—Elmer Rhoads and Rollie Crossen returned to Delaware Tuesday to resume their studies at the Business college

—J W Wells, the hustling Huber agent at Middleport, O, was in the city Tuesday Mr Wells sold sixteen Huber threshing outfits last summer

—Miss Lizzie Langistaffer of Covington, Ky, late of Edinburg, Germany, is visiting her cousins, the Misses Irene and Stella Leech, on east South street

—J B Grady, Superintendent of the American Express company stables at Cleveland, was in the city Monday looking up the matter of better equipment for the Marion delivery

—The Elks gave a very appropriate close to their New Year s reception by inviting all their callers to join them in a dance that evening The Elk club rooms presented a festive scene until a late hour

—The police tendered an all night reception to nine tramps, at the city prison Monday night The term tramp has to be a pretty broad one when it applies to all that seek prison shelter on cold nights

—N Y P and O yard engine, No 9 was thrown from the track west of the Junction Tuesday morning by a broken rail and before the men got it back on the track train 1 had been delayed three hours

—We notice the name of Miss Kate R Blair, principal of the Marion High school among those who were granted life certificates to teach by the State Board of examiners at Columbus last week Miss Blair is to be congratulated upon her success

—Miss Elizabeth Lee had the misfortune to slip and fall in front of her home on east Center street, Monday evening She struck her head on the stone pavement with such force as to be knocked insensible for a half hour or more, but sustained no other injuries of a serious nature

—Mrs G W Conrad, formerly a resident of Marion and known by nearly everybody about here, died at her home in Washington, D C, on Monday, of cancer in the stomach The remains of Mrs Conrad arrived in Marion from Washington, at 6 o clock Wednesday evening accompanied by the family

—The Natural Gas and Artesian Well company re elected its old Board of Directors on Monday night We have been pretty slow in finding it out, but have been informed that the Marion company with a few new stockholders from LaRue, are putting down the promising well on the Geddis place, between Marion and Caledonia

Jurors Drawn

The following list of Grand and Petit jurors have been drawn for the January term of court, both to appear on January 30th

Grand Jurors —Ed Conley Marion S A Coffy, Third ward, J W Hecker, Prospect James Vaughan, First ward, Caleb Isler Prospect, W E Denman Bowling Green John A Schaaf, Waldo, J E Bryan, First ward, Wm Riley, Montgomery, R I Mouser, Salt Rock, John Lehner, Richland, Frank Eply, Claridon, Wm Baker, Big Island, H E Gillespie, Grand Chas Basler, Green Camp

Petit Jurors —Peter Rubins Grand, Jas Williams, Montgomery, D Griffith, Prospect, Andrew Hinds, Claridon Adam Klingle Richland, J H Howison Prospect John Webb Montgomery Henry Nesbitt Claridon, Phil Linn, Marion M W Petty, Prospect, D M Hineman, Scott Lewis Gunn, First Ward, B F Court, Pleasant, Geo Holuerstott, Montgomery, M J Myers, Pleasant, J R Harshberger, Third ward Joseph Oborn, Richland Isaiah Jones, Third ward

Ohio s Centennial

In order that Marion county may be appropriately represented at the Ohio Centennial Exposition, to be held at Columbus, O, beginning September 4th and ending October 19th, 1888 the Director General, at his late visit to Marion, recommended that a County Centennial Society be organized, and requested the Farmers Institute to take the initial steps by calling a meeting of the citizens of the county In compliance therewith at a meeting of the officers of the Institute, Wednesday, Jan 11, at 2 o clock p m, City Hall, Marion O, was the time and place selected It is hoped that there will be a general attendance as all are interested in the matter of every calling or occupation In addition to the organization of the Society by electing the usual officers, three commissioners are to be selected to take charge of the exhibits of the county at the exposition

Prospect LaRue and Caledonia papers please copy

By order of Ex Com

Marion Public Schools

Following is the Superintendent s report of the Marion Public Schools for the month ending December 23, 1887

No Enrolled this Year to Date	Boys 459 Girls 428	887
No Enrolled this Month	Boys 427 Girls 403	830
Average Weekly Enrollment,		809 7
Average Daily Attendance		771 7
Average Daily Absence		16 2
Average per cent of Attendance		97 4
No of Days School was in Session		20
No Neither Absent nor Tardy		545
No Cases Tardiness		16
No Cases Truancy,		2
No Cases Corporal Punishment		12
No Non Resident Pupils		11
No Visitors		28
No Cases Tardiness by Teachers		1
No Colored Pupils	Boys 7 Girls 9	16

A G CROUSE, Supt.

OUR IMPROVEMENT

MARION S GREAT GROWTH IN BUILDINGS DURING THE PAST YEAR

Over One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars Expended in New Buildings and the Improvement of Others in 1887 Where They Are

[illegible] time to regard Marion s growth in 1887 While our city has not [illegible] great strike that was anticipated [illegible] the progress is sufficient to [illegible] pride Our fond hope for gas whose influence so stimulates growth and our expectations regarding the Black Diamond railroad have not been realized and there is a great deal yet undone that would have been pushed forward had either been realized Some statements of growth are only the simple assertions that we have looked up authority of ours and accordingly a STAR man was sent out scouring the city for new buildings and looking up the contractors who erected them so we have a pretty accurate list found below

The Marion Steam Shovel works built by Leffler & Bland at a cost of $15 000

Marion Malleable Iron works, built by same at a cost of about $10 000

Marion Manufacturing company s works by Finch Bros at a cost of $ 000

Jones Bros contractors report sixteen dwellings Dwelling for Oscar Berry on Grand avenue $500 small dwelling near stone quarry $450 Henry Fooch s residence on Farming street $650 Jame Compton s dwelling on Farming street $650 dwelling for Frank Mayer on Cherry street $800 same for John Dudley on west Center street $650 one for John Schneider on south East street $400 two for Dave Garfield on Park street $1400 James Bolinder s dwelling on Cherry street $1000 S A Coffy s dwelling on west South street 1200 one for Thomas Murphy on Silver street 800 one for G S McGuire in Loveland 600 one for Wesley Harsh on Silver street 900 John Silet s on Silver street 600 and J W Scott s residence on Windsor street 800

Contractor Gardner built five houses for John Evans at the stone quarries at a cost of $2500 one for same on Silver street 800, and one for same on west Center for 1800 one for H M Barnhart on west Center 1200 one for S I [illegible] on west Center, 1200 one for H C Shingles on Greenwood street for 000 and one for John Dee on Farming street for 000

Jim Miller erected a dwelling for John Ballentine on north Main street for $450 and one for himself on north East street at a cost of 00

Contractor Chas Miller built four new houses from the ground up during the summer at an expense of $2 00 but had not time to give location

Contractor Bowyer erected J J Fuch s new residence at a cost of $ 000 J A Vail s dwelling on south East street for 2000 Dr Hamilton s east Center street residence 3000 George M Gurd s dwelling on east Center for 1000 and remodeled the Leonard block at a cost of 2000

Various contractors worked on the large dwelling house of J J Hopkins on east South street which is completed at the cost of $9000

Contractor Boyer erected three dwellings for Dr Harding—one on John street for $1000, one on same street for 600 and one on Dyer s lane for 350 and a dwelling for A I Lourrette, in west Marion at a cost of 450

John Sloan erected a $500 dwelling in True & Uhler s addition one on the boulevard for Phillips and Stocks for 700 and one on south West street for Chas Fetterman for $1500

Contractor Nate Fields erected a dwelling for Chas Insleep, on Vine street for $2000, one for Wm Denning on Bellefontaine avenue for 750 one for Geo Foster on Cherry street for 400 and one for Mrs Berringer on Mt Vernon avenue 2500

Contractor Wasser erected a dwelling for H Ackerman on Cherry street for $1500 one for Hughes & Olney near Creamery for 1800 one for Dr Wright on the boulevard for 1800 and one for Frank King on the boulevard 2000

John Winters erected a frame house for himself, on Grand avenue, at a cost of $800 one for Al Muehler on the boulevard for 800 one for Court & Lust in east Marion 1000

Contractor Wm Hughey remodeled W B Foye s east Center street residence at a cost of $2000 built one for C R Stanley, on the hill at a cost of 1500 erected H G Reiser s dwelling on Vine street, for 2000

W G Shute erected an $800 dwelling for Mrs Stahl on Grand avenue

The cracker factory in east Marion was erected by Jim Reynolds for A Ackerman at a cost of $2000 He also constructed Oscar Olds dwelling on George street, for 500 and the Conckling dwelling on Jefferson street for 750

Contractor Lush built a dwelling for the Marion County bank on east South street for $700, one for J Woodruff on east South street for 1000 one for R Hinds for 750 five for A I Lourrette in west Marion at a total cost of 2500 one for Joe Byers on Oak street for 600 one for H Lagrange, 700 one for H True on Lincoln avenue for 400 one for same on Barnhart street, for 650 one for J Medlin on Barnhart street, for 600 one for Sandy Snyder, on east Center, for 500 one for W H Messenger on east Center for 350 two for Dr Harding on College Hill 1750 one for W H Messenger, on College Hill 500 three for H True on College Hill 1200 one for A M Dilts, College Hill 550 one for Etta Haines 700 two for Court & Lust 1000 four for H True on Grand avenue 2000 one for H Butler, on Grand avenue, 500 one for J Blake, Grand avenue 550 one for J Lusch Grand avenue, 500 one for J Jump Grand avenue 500 one for James Polinger Grand avenue 400

Contractor Apt of Caledonia erected the Normal school building for H True at a cost of $2500 and built Mrs Bowen s residence for 1200

J Stafford put up two dwellings, in east Marion at a cost of $1000

There are many others doubtless besides the many additions and costly repairs but the above will give an adequate idea of what growth we have made The new Huber boiler shops excluding machinery, did not cost heavily, but is an important factor in our improvement

BAD LUCK CONTINUES

The C and A Has Another Wreck Near Kouts Fireman Collins Killed at Spencerville

The C and A had sufficient ill luck to wind up the old year with an expensive wreck and then start in the new by killing a faithful employe

Near Kouts the scene of the horrible slaughter of train 12 s passengers Saturday morning a fast stock train crashed into the section preceding it the first train having stopped for water The cause of the long stop is not reported, but Brakeman Lyman, of the first train, who was asleep in the caboose instead of out with a flag, was burned with the caboose A car of stock was also burned and the damage to the engine will reach $4000

On Sunday evening a sad accident occurred at Spencerville, in which Pat Collins lost his life Pat was firing for engineer Throckmorton, of this city, who was making his first trip over the road At Spencerville the engine got out of water and, while stopping, Collins crawled under the engine to clean the ash pan By some misunderstanding, Throckmorton started to pull ahead, and but a very slight move was necessary to crush the life out of poor Collins His body was not mutilated, and was carried into the depot where an inquest was held but with what conclusion is not known

Collins sudden death is of more than usual sadness He had not been on the road for some time, owing to his children's illness with diphtheria, and had only gone on Sunday from the necessity caused by lack of money His home is in Huntington

Litigation Regarding the Kouts Wreck [Huntington Herald]

In the Porter county Circuit Court, Wednesday, the case of the State vs Conductor John D Park, on trial for the involuntary manslaughter for having been criminally responsible for the Kouts railroad disaster on the C and A R'y, was tried No decision was given by the judge, but he plainly indicated that he should order its dismissal Engineer Dorsey, of this city, also indicted on a similar charge, is also attending the sessions of the court The sheriff of Porter county visited this city, Tuesday, and placed him under arrest Bond in the sum of $5000 was promptly furnished, however, with Col Briant, Michael Mast Cal Lyons, Lafayette Truman, John Wonderly and Barny Conners as sureties The case against Mr Dorsey is not yet set, but will probably be argued one day next week His friends are confident that it will be dismissed

Probate Court

Burns Weeks and Amanda E Kenyon licensed to marry

J W Thew executor of the estate of Henry Thew filed final account

A Tavener guardian of Milli Hamilton, filed third account

Elizabeth Hipsher, now Ehlers, guardian of Edward Hipsher et al, filed final account

A H Kling administrator of the estate of Nancy A Clark filed first account

Johathan Bell guardian of Mary C Franklin, filed first account

Catharine Lance, administratrix of the estate of Joseph Lance, filed final account

John G Ruth, administrator of the estate of Abraham Patten, filed first account

Thomas J Ryan administrator of the estate of Johanna O Connor, deceased filed motion for extension of time for settlement

Will of Margaret Morral filed, and application to admit same to probate and record For hearing January 31st.

Will of Ferdinand Wolford presented, proven and admitted to probate and record

Louisa Kesler guardian of Effie and Bertrice Kesler filed second account

Farmers' Institute

The following business was transacted on December 28th, 1887

By instructions from the Secretary of the State Board, the time of holding the Caledonia institute was changed from January 31st and February 1st to January 30th and 31st 1888

The committee on constitution and by laws reported, and after a few changes the report was adopted

By instructions given by Gen Hurst at the annual Institute, Pres Lawrence was directed to call a meeting of the citizens of Marion county for Wednesday, Jan 11th, to organize a Marion county centennial society

The program was completed for the Caledonia institute

Meeting adjourned

G F LAWRENCE Pres

JOS KEINSFELTER, Sec

New Officers Sworn In

The new elected officers whose terms began Monday were duly sworn and have assumed their official duties Sheriff Kelly was sworn in by Clerk Thomas, and immediately succeeded Sheriff Buckley Patsy will undoubtedly make a first class official

Prosecuting Attorney Crissinger was also sworn in by Clerk Thomas, and his first official work was the arraignment of the overcoat thief, Hart, before the Probate court

Commissioner Raub, who now begins his term proper, Engineer Scott and Infirmary Director Hipsher were all sworn in by Probate Judge Criswell

A Hip Broken

The aged John Anderson, residing on corner of Greenwood and south street, had just recently recovered from the effects of a fall, and went to the woods Monday, out to his place east of town, for a load of wood While loading the wagon, he slipped on some ice and, falling heavily, broke his left hip

He was brought to his home, where Dr Hamilton reduced the fracture and made him as comfortable as possible He was too old, though for a recovery, and the shock brought about his death Tuesday morning

What a Blessing to Mothers

Acker s Baby Soother differs from all baby syrups or cordials It contains no laudanum, opium or morphine in any part of its composition It is harmless, but soothing and positive in its action, It lulls the child into quiet repose and upon awakening it is refreshed, vigorous and natural It is the only safe medicine yet made that will remove all infantile disorders Sold at 25 cents, by L Denison & Co, druggists

Bowling Green

Everybody is saying that this week it is the driest winter ever known in the country

Last Monday Dec 26 there were put a number of large fish [illegible] Fish Creek [illegible] with two and a half pounds Mud turtles were caught that weighed twenty to thirty pounds

Mrs Belle Burnham died Dec 29th at 11 a m of consumption which had been gradually reducing her health by bleeding at the lungs Her funeral and burial took place Dec 31 1887

The party at Joe Cary s last Saturday evening was a failure owing to arrangements which the lead is had [illegible]

Our folks generally enjoyed themselves during the holidays by visiting and entertaining guests

Mr John Harris has been to Wood Co visiting friends and looking after a future home where he expects to move next fall

The Christmas tree at Windfall school house Christmas eve was well attended and the tree was well loaded with presents

Miss Ella Sivey of Logan county is at Mr Jos Cary s this week

The new church of Bowling Green will be dedicated the 8th of January 1888 by the P M denomination The presiding elder will be here Come out and help dedicate

Mr A F Sager had a literary at the Harrisburg school house last Thursday which we can endorse as being grand

As this is vacation for the schools Frank and Numy Siffrit and J D Sager are home visiting parents

I see by the delinquent tax list that there are seventeen of our taxpayers on this list which is better than usual for this township As many more than that number will delinquent heretofore

The Harrisburg theatrical troupe will in the near future give a show at the Parr Town, Dudley, Baldwin and Harrisburg school houses

Elmer Bonstead was here during holidays visiting relatives

Mr Milt Cheney and Lily of Scioto Hardin county, are here visiting relatives

Mr Chas Harris, of Wood county, is here visiting relatives and friends

Mr P F Guthery is in the West attending the funeral and burial of his father

Mr Albert Thomasson has erected a new barn near his residence which is just being completed

Mr M F Sager intends to leave his saw mill on J D Guthery s farm this winter This will give our farmers a chance to take advantage of its presence

Messrs Dixon and Fields sold a thousand bushels of corn last week for 50 cents per bushel

Miss Blanche Turner is visiting relatives in Indiana and Chicago

Sometimes our teachers meet with cases in school which make them feel like making a hasty retreat Such being the case with Mr F T Sager, who was agreeably surprised by being the recipient of a silk muffler, last Monday by one of his pupils who had been chosen by the pupils to tender the gift To reconcile this expression of esteem and worthiness the teacher made arrangements to agreeably surprise his pupils so he urged each and everyone to prepare a selection for Friday afternoon when he intended to have the teachers and parents present to listen to their work and give words of encouragement and congratulate their work So when the time arrived, several visitors had already gained admittance and several came after the work began, which numbered in all eighteen The most pleasing feature of the afternoon was hard to tell as several speeches were made by parents and directors besides visitors from outside the district gave some very encouraging remarks to the children in their work As several new moves had been made to enliven the occasion, we can t but put in mild terms it was a grand affair The last feature of the occasion was a holiday treat by the teacher to his pupils of a package of candy for each Everyone then wended his way toward home, wishing for many such occasions We think it is the duty of the parents to visit the school and by them lending their efforts to aid the teacher in his work he is sure of a marked success This we are glad to say is the case in the district known as Baldwin s Union county where the above took place

Dec 31 [illegible]

A Surprise Party

Henry Dubert on West street was happily surprised last Saturday evening by a number of friends and relatives who gathered at his home to celebrate his birthday The Big Six orchestra furnished music for the occasion Supper was served by the ladies and a pleasant time was had by all present

Mr M Shoemaker, Vice President Northern National Bank Toledo Ohio having suffered for years with rheumatism and tried all remedies known to alleviate says, Surprise Liniment is the best remedy he has ever used Try it at druggists

SURPRISE MEDICINE CO Sandusky O

An Open Letter

TO THE STAR —The woman s crusade was the pentecost of the great temperance reform At that time the work received a Holy Ghost baptism and from the signing of the pledge to the casting of a ballot it has become a christian work

The W C T U was born of consecration to God and can only be rightly carried on in the same spirit The highest aim must always be as it was at first, to promulgate the gospel among those who are under the influence of the liquor traffic whether these be the slaves of drink or those who by their ballot consent that the saloon may destroy and kill—if it only pays the money ed price

The W C T U of Marion believes that this reform is a complete whole from the a b c temperance, which we teach the children to the gospel of politics wherein the voter asks himself What is the relation of this party this candidate to the setting up of Christ s kingdom on earth? How does my vote relate to the Lord s Prayer? The answer to this question is sacred not secular, worthy to be given from the pulpit on the Sabbath day In the Revolutionary war, the question at issue being religious liberty, our forefathers felt that they could preach and pray about it on the Sabbath In the Civil war both sides believing their cause to be [illegible] called the same And now when it is a question of preserving the Sabbath itself and guarding the homes which are [illegible] sanctuaries of Christ s gospel [illegible] we believe that no day is too good and no place too consecrated for the declaration of principles and the determining [illegible] The ascetic of the olden time shut himself away from the world and counted everything secular except special acts of devotion The christian soldier of today reverses the process and makes everything he does a devotional act—an expression of his loyalty to Christ For as one of our own has said Today Christ sits over against the ballot box as of old He sat over against the treasury, and judges men by what they cast therein

Upon this foundation broad as the Bible itself we carry on our temperance work crying continually "How long oh Lord how long must this deadly work go on?" When will good men see their duty When will they heed the pitious cry of the women whom they love and trust? When will they strike the blow that will rescue their sons from drunkards graves and their loving daughters from the worse than death in life of becoming drunkards wives

Our W C T U is much in prayer over this great problem All who feel a like solicitude are kindly invited to meet with us in our regular Tuesday evening prayer and conference meeting

LOUISE H UHLER

Sup t Evangelistic Dep t

TOLEDO O, Oct 1 1885

I have been a great sufferer for years with neuralgia in my head I tried Surprise Liniment and found it the only thing that would give me instant relief Am free from neuralgia now, and have been for the past two years JOHN S ROWE

A Mania for the Horrible

Verestchagin as an artist utterly lacks the element of the picturesque He has a mania for the grotesque and the horrible His subjects are never lighted up by any imagination You have simply hard, iron [illegible] dealing of numerous [illegible] or distressing sights His subjects and the manner of their handling make the same appeal to the public as do the collections of the Eden Musee Some of his pictures are on an exact par with the set tableaux of the Chamber of Horrors Of this class are two pictures colossal in size representing executions one at St Petersburg and the other in India

The first represents a scaffold in the dim background of a heavy falling storm of snow while the foreground is a compact, [illegible] mass of people of characteristic Russian types, leaning forward in the direction of the lugubrious scaffold and the victims of the public executioner, who stand out blue gray figures nearly lost to sight in the mist and mass of the down falling whirring snow The figures in the foreground are painted with crucial hardness and even the snow flakes have pin points to distract their attention The flakes are never suggested They cover the picture and being painted in such a bold hard way, are really more prominent than the figures upon which they are falling

The Indian execution represents British officers with a long line of guards standing just ready to discharge a dozen field pieces to the mouths of which are lashed rebellious Indians writhing in the folds of their snow white draperies This picture simply represents a scene of revolting cruelty It contains not a suggestion appealing to any one s sense of beauty It is a hard photograph, colored grimly in an unrelenting fashion, the opposite of anything approaching beauty —F C Crawford in New York World

Post Drivers of South Siberia

The horses on the post roads in southern and western Siberia and Russia are a very different species from the Yakoot animals They are more like the horses of other civilized countries Their special peculiarity is that the moment they see a hill rising before them they become almost wild with excitement and ambition, and dash at it full speed until the summit is reached or their strength is exhausted The post drivers are also a wild set, and make farmers and other travelers give them a clear road They turn out for nobody less than a government courier Their heavy tarantasses (coaches) in summer and the still heavier covered sleds in winter give them all the advantage

Nothing seems to delight them so much as a collision with the sled of a poor farmer whose wife is on the way to market with a load of truck You hear a yell that would scare an Indian, and a dim vision flashes past the little glass window in the door of your sled of straw, backboards, bonnets, shoestrings and eggs, a muffled scream from a mouthful of snow a few corrugated Russian oaths rumble up from the driver s beard, as if it were entirely somebody else's fault, and all is over You are safe in the weight of your sled which is furthermore provided with heavy wooden bars on each side about a foot above the ground and sloping outward from the front to the rear of the sled, which serve as fenders, and prevent your cumbersome vehicle from overturning which otherwise would be probable on its narrow gauged runners —William H Gilder U S N, in The Outing

Darwin s Boyish Credulity

I must have been a very simple little fellow when I first went to the school A boy of the name of Garnett took me into a cake shop one day and bought some cakes for which he did not pay, as the shopman trusted him When we came out I asked him why he did not pay for them and he instantly answered "Why do you not know that my uncle left a great sum of money to the town on condition that every tradesman should give whatever was wanted without payment to any one who wore his old hat and moved [it] in a particular manner?" and he then showed me how it was moved He then went into another shop where he was trusted and asked for some small article, moving his hat in the proper manner, and, of course, obtained it without payment When we came out he said "Now, if you like to go by yourself into that cake shop" (how well I remember its exact position) "I will lend you my hat, and you can get whatever you want if you move the hat on your head properly " I gladly accepted the generous offer, and went in and asked for some cakes moved the old hat and was walking out of the shop, when the shopman made a rush at me, so I dropped the cakes and ran for dear life, and was astonished by being greeted by shouts of laughter by my false friend Garnett —"Boyhood of Darwin," by himself, in Popular Science Monthly,

DAUGHTERS OF EVE

A granddaughter of Charles Dickens does a flourishing business with a type writer

The Empress Eugenie has recovered her health and now talks about a tour in the Holy Land

Miss Anna Dickinson who has been ill for nearly a year is slowly improving and will shortly go south

Mrs Mackay presented the new Countess Cairns who is a Jewess by birth, a diamond and ruby aigrette brooch

Queen Victoria, having been requested to write her name in a Bible specially printed for the colonies and to add a verse from Scripture selected the following "On earth peace good will toward men"

It is remembered of Jenny Lind that she disliked flattery When the sculptor Durham made a bust of her she was greatly displeased with it I am she said to him, an ugly Swede and you have made me a beautiful Englishwoman

A young woman of culture in London has set the fashion of wearing a black Portia gown lined with crimson to the theatres, and has gained several followers She is now trying to lead off with a studded shirt front and white cravat

Miss Elizabeth Cleveland has proved a most acceptable teacher of history She is popular with her pupils at Mrs. Reed s boarding school in New York and under her guidance they have become proficient in the historical studies undertaken

In a Spanish newspaper printed at Matanzas Cuba appears the following advertisement "Photographs of the most beautiful woman in the world—Sra Frances Folsom de Cleveland the lady of the White House the idol of 60 000 000 of people the wife of the president of the United States Call for the El Rayo Verde cigarettes

The wife of Don M Dickinson, the new postmaster general is a handsome woman—tall with auburn hair, clear complexion and large dark eyes She has always been very popular in Detroit and has been a prominent figure in the social life of that city She is extremely affable and has both tact and dignity She is considerably younger than her husband

CREATION'S LOWER ORDERS

The largest cow in Dakota is reported from Cass county She stands 6 feet high at the shoulders and though thin in flesh, weighs 1,800 pounds

The weather wise of Maine say that the recent capture of an immense Arctic owl near Fish Point presages an early winter The bird measured 6 feet from tip to tip

A handsome buck was recently shot near Rock Springs, Ky, which for the past ten years had been a target for the rifles of the hunters of the neighborhood He weighed 175 pounds and his antlers were of unusual size

In many portions of Idaho Nevada and Wyoming the rabbits are so numerous that they are becoming almost as great a plague as in Australia The proprietors of a large ranch are giving boys five cents apiece for killing them and some of the boys earn as much as $5 each per day The dead rabbits are fed to hogs to fatten them

Levi Campbell, of Kingsbury, Me, set a bear trap and a bear got into it He dragged the trap a good distance until it was caught in a log Then Levi came up and struck the bear with an axe The animal turned suddenly, wrenched the trap loose, grabbed Levi, and was in a fair way to make an end of him when his dog pitched in and attracted the bear's attention until Levi could drag himself away

Justice Jannasch, of Kalamazoo, Mich, has a parrot that he wouldn t sell for its weight in silver On five different occasions has this intelligent bird saved the house from being burglarized The last time was on a recent night The burglar got the door unfastened, but when he opened it the parrot asked, in a stern and harsh voice "Hello, there! What s the matter?" The burglar didn t answer but fell over himself in his desperate effort to get away

BRIGHT SAYINGS OF CHILDREN

Boston Mamma—You mustn t speak of your legs Flossie when we have company It isn t polite Flossie—What should I say, mamma drumsticks? —New York Sun

Father—Come, Bobby, you are all tired out, so hurry off to bed Bobby, with a slow and reluctant movement)—Pa, you oughtn t to tell a boy to hurry up when he s all tired out —Philadelphia North American

When little Meg saw a picture of Christian, with the burden on his back, she looked at it curiously for a minute and then asked 'Mamma, what makes the manny wear his bustle so high up on his back"—Boston Transcript

A tiny nephew once heard his dearly beloved maiden aunt called an old maid" The child s older brothers and sisters were telling 'what they were going to be' one day soon afterward, and little precocity astonished everybody in the room by saying earnestly that he was going to be an 'old maid like auntie, cause she made everybody dood —Kingston Freeman

A sturdy little chap, some 7 years old had a tantrum one day last week and his mother, in order to mark her displeasure and impress it upon him, left him by himself and went to her own room He followed her as far as the door, and, after she had passed in, closed it somewhat emphatically Then he went to his play Half an hour later he returned, opened the door softly and looked in His mother caught his eye and could not repress a smile 'There" he said I knew you d get over it Now you are my own dear mamma again — Boston Herald

Little Nellie of West End, was in an avenue store yesterday with her mother, and she was greatly pleased with the Christmas array of dolls 'Mamma" she said "I want a baby 'Very well, Nellie,' replied the mother, 'you shall have one," and Nellie soon had one in her arms, but she was not satisfied and still hung about the doll display Finally, half in fear and half in hope, she whispered 'Mamma, I d like to have twins" —Washington Critic

SENATORS AND EX-SENATORS

John Sherman is said to be worth $1,500,000

Senators Stanford, of California, and Stockbridge of Michigan, turn over all their salaries to the clerks of their committees

Senator Stewart of Nevada, when in the senate before was one of the most liberal entertainers in Washington His fortune was much larger then than it is now, yet he spends money with the same freedom that characterized him then

Ex Senator Dorsey, Senator Windom and Jesse R Grant are at the head of a great syndicate which has purchased the Moore Benjamin iron mines in the Gogebic range, in Wisconsin The price paid for the mines and surrounding lands was more than $3,000,000

MARION WEEKLY STAR.

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TEA TABLE TALK

Plain silk, black silks especially, are in high favor

Woolen crochet trimmings resembling rich appliques, are used upon cloth gowns

Electric blue and moss green are ingeniously blended in some of the new trimmings

A favorite design for braiding a bodice is in V shape back and front, widening into a yoke as it reaches the shoulders

Bonnet strings are now secured with visible pins, the head being set with a single pearl, topaz, garnet amethyst or other stone

Cut steel ornaments are in vogue again, and the steel passementeries are among the most beautiful of the season's trimmings

Elegant wraps for evening wear are made of white cloth having a velvet like finish, and braided all over with gold cord in stripes

Ostrich feather boas are a tasteful novelty They are made of feathers in all the natural shades, or all in black, or black and white together

Colored lace balayeuses upon evening dresses are new They keep clean longer than white, but are not so fresh and dainty when new

A novelty in bracelets is composed of narrow ribbons of gold, which are tied in a double bow knot for a clasp, which is set with pearls

Some of the newest tea gowns have immense angel sleeves, which are put on with epaulettes at the shoulders and fall like huge wings to the floor

Gimp, the veritable article of a dozen years ago, has returned to us Various sizes of fine cord are utilized, and the patterns are very finely wrought

Walking gloves of Swedish kid or finely dressed dogskin are worn with promenade costumes These come in most of the cloth shades to match the toilet

Bretelles are a feature of many of the new costumes, and very elaborate epaulettes are sometimes attached to trimmings for the front of a bodice, to be put on as braces

Except in jet, beads are largely giving place in dress trimmings to metallic threads, which are used for appliques or other embroideries, either alone or mixed with cord

Shot stockings are shown to wear with evening gowns Some of these have open work stripes in relief, which run from the foot to the ankle, then cross the leg horizontally

SCIENTIFIC SQUIBS

Highly polished brass may be kept absolutely bright and free from tarnish by thinly coating the articles with a varnish of bleached shellac and alcohol

Manufacturers complain that the African rubbers now received do not yield, when strained and cleaned, more than thirty to fifty five per cent pure rubber gum, owing to the natives adulterating with sawdust bark dust etc, to overcome the inconvenient stickiness of the juice

The singular fact is demonstrated that, while the most rapid cannon shots scarcely attain a velocity of 600 meters a second—over 1,500 miles per hour—meteorites are known to penetrate the air with a velocity of 40 000 or even 60 000 meters per second, a velocity which raises the air at once to a temperature of 4,000 degs to 6 000 degs Cent

The new pencils introduced for writing upon glass porcelain and metals in red white and blue are made by melting together spermaceti, four parts tallow, three parts, and wax, two parts, and coloring the mixture with white lead red lead or Prussian blue, as desired These pencils are convenient in the laboratory and save the trouble of labeling

With the aid of science even the desert of the Sahara is becoming inhabitable, and colonization is encouraged The Lower Sahara is an immense basin of artesian waters, and the French are forming fresh oases with skill and success, so that the number of cultivated tracts is increasing rapidly After a period of thirty years forty three oases have 11,000 inhabitants 120 000 trees between 1 and 7 years old and 100 000 fruit trees

DOINGS OF SPORTSMEN

George Garvin of Downertown N J shot twenty four rabbits in one day and his friend, Clinton Butler, eleven

With six guns and six hounds a party from Paterson, N J took out of the brush and woodland of Waterloo thirty one coons and fifteen rabbits

J C Barlow, of Leary, Ga shot and killed a pure white partridge while hunting recently He says there were four more of them in the covey

Four boys, all under 15 years of age went hunting near Little Rock Ark and in an hour one of them Arnold Drummond, was laid out with both legs shattered while another had lost a hand

A Crawford county (Pa) youth named Armagost went gunning for a pheasant for his sick mother, but returned disappointed He had hardly entered the house when a crash of window glass was heard, and a plump partridge lay dead on the floor with its neck broken

Fifteen thousand wild ducks shot in a single day is the record of the Susquehanna fields says The Baltimore American William Dobson of Havre de Grace on the opening day, eight years ago killed 512, and burst a handsome gun before he stopped He kept two men busy all day picking up dead ducks He has the highest single record

RICH IN YEARS

In a chatty intelligent and cheerful manner Mrs Frances Edgar of Philadelphia relates the incidents attending Lafayette's visit and tells of her first glimpse of Washington She has just passed her 100th birthday

Dr. Sheldon C Johnson of Seymour Conn the oldest physician in the state died a few days ago, aged 90 years He had been a successful practicing physician there over sixty years He was a graduate of the Yale Medical school

Mr Peter Haldeman Burnett the first American governor of California has lately completed his 80th year He lives in San Francisco and enjoys capital health Senor Pio Pico, the last Spanish governor is still living in Los Angeles county He is nearly 90 years old

Oren and Roena Shelley of Keene N H, have been married sixty seven years during which time they have lived together in harmony Mr Shelley is 91 and his good wife 90 years of age They are bright and lively, and expect to reach the century post. Both are natives of New England

PERSONAL GOSSIP

[illegible] fortune at $1,000,000 [illegible]

A number of Americans propose to erect a statue of Gen Washington in Paris

Mr J P Wilder has arranged a professional trip to China Japan and India for 1888

Explorer Greely does not believe that the north pole will ever be reached except by balloon

None of the four presidents of the French republic since its origin in 1870 was born in Paris

M Grevy saw twelve cabinets with 130 ministers serve under him while president of France

Andrew D White, of Cornell says poker will soon be a necessary part of a classical education

M Grevy slept soundly for eight hours the night after his resignation—for the first time in six weeks

Congressman Scott will spend $5,000 during the winter on sound moral training at his Washington home

Mohini M Chatterjee, the young Brahmin philosopher who came to this country last year has returned to India

Morell Mackenzie has received £8,000 up to the present time for his attendance on the prince imperial of Germany

Gens Sherman and Sheridan will review the state military exercises at the centennial celebration in Ohio next September

The Court Journal says that Kaiser William wants to abdicate in favor of his son the coronation to take place in May

The first words of Rev Joseph Parker upon his arrival in Liverpool were that he should never come to America again

The Duke of Newcastle will winter in Florida He is a rallying, vivacious Englishman He is young, unmarried and has a cork leg

Tennyson is now well on his 80th year, is in good health of mind and body and continues busy with his literary work

It appears that Bismarck has an older brother who has been under prefect of Magdeburg since 1841, and is about to retire, aged

M E Ingalls of Cincinnati, carries an insurance of $ 99,000 on his life—the largest sum carried it is said by any resident of that city

At the ball of the Pelican club, where Sullivan lately sparred before the Prince of Wales the Pelicans all appeared in Pelican waistcoats

Complaint is made in Washington that William Walter Phelps is wearing the same rusty brown suit which he wore a chestnut six years ago

Sam Small announces that he has given up his labors as an evangelist and is now a preacher in the Methodist church South at Washington D C

Samuel Spencer who has been made president of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad at a salary of $25,000 a year was a rodman earning a scant salary a few years ago He is not yet 40 years old

The new French president belongs to a family of Scotch origin The original name was Carin the French diminutive of which would be Carinot or little carn This was soon corrupted into Carnot

Prince Regent Luitpold of Bavaria, was bitten in the hand while hunting by a dog, which it is feared was mad Fortunately the wounds are not deep and do not deprive the prince of the use of his hand

Carter Harrison wants all the American women to dress as per the Chinese rule "We would then have our better halves dressed," he says "to please an artistic eye, without the present waste of female health and strength"

Announcement is made that within three weeks Maurice Bernhardt who was almost as well known in New York as his divine and adorable mother's Hegel cult, will lead to the matrimonial altar the celebrated beauty "Princess Terka Jablonowska"

The other morning only a little curly headed girl of 6 or 7 years went to the Maine state house and asked an officer, "Is Governor Bodwell dead?" "Yes," was the reply "Oh, he used to give me candy!" she exclaimed and turned away crying bitterly

Mr Labouchere is down on the tall hat He says "I do so loathe it that if the present ministry would deal it a coup de grace by invariably appearing in pot hats I almost think that gratitude would oblige me to turn Tory—even at the cost of having my head staved in by a Tory constable

John B Alley, of Massachusetts, is said to be worth considerably over $10,000,000 He is the richest Republican in the old Bay state and is fond of politics The greater part of his fortune was made in speculation and he is constantly adding to it Mr Alley is 40 years old

The remains of President Carnot's illustrious grandfather are in the cemetery at Magdeburg and an attempt will now be made to have them brought home to France He died an exile proscribed by the restored Bourbons for having voted for the killing of Louis XVI

Mr and Mrs Blaine Miss Blaine and Miss Dodge (Gail Hamilton) have gone to Marseilles Mr Blaine thinks seriously of going to Algiers whence he may sail for Naples He has left his heavy luggage at Paris It is said that he may, on his return to Paris put up with Mr and Mrs Morton

Paul Philippoteaux the painter of the Gettysburg and Niagara Falls cycloramas has just finished a work upon which he has been engaged for two years consisting of thirty pictures of scenes in the life of Gen Grant beginning with his infancy and ending with his funeral They are to be exhibited first at Boston and then through at the country

Mr Frederick Villiers the well known war correspondent and artist of The London Graphic has entered the lecture field He went with Mr Archibald Forbes through the Turco Servian and Russo Turkish wars and has a great fund of interesting experiences which he tells with graphic diction

Jay Gould never smoked but one cigar in his life It made him so ill that he never tried another It seems hard that many a man who loves good cigars cannot afford to buy them while Jay Gould who could have the finest weeds in the world without seriously impairing his income has no taste for them

The Prince of Wales was slightly wounded in the face by a Swedish nobleman Baron [illegible] while shooting at Sandringham but the accident was considered such a trifling one as to prevent either his royal highness or [illegible] the other guest who was slightly hit from continuing to shoot the rest of the day

Citizen Train is again on the editorial tripod He is in birth now as the associate editor of the Weekly Record of Sussex N B He says "And now safely anchored in Sussex N B in sanctum sanctorum all by himself A rattling Good and Expatriated Exile No longer republican, but cosmopolitan Come and see us"

HERE AND THERE

Molière's The first came into use in 1545

Harvard distributed $36,000 to indigent students last year

In the time of King Edward II the price of the Bible in England was £37

Electric light are now being used by submarine divers with great effect

A phrenologist has been making money of late in Washington examining the bumps on senatorial heads

Most of the London churches have offered up prayers for the recovery of the crown prince of Germany

Volapuk is publicly taught in France, Germany Switzerland Italy Spain Portugal, Austria, Russia and Denmark

The Grand Army has increased from 60,634 in 1880 to 372,674 in 1887 The gain in the past year and a quarter was 46 1 7

An immense hunting expedition is about to start for Masailand the ground of Rider Haggard's last novel Allan Quatermain

The Hospital Saturday fund in London amounts to $40,000 this year Collections are made every Saturday in workshops and factories

Several German firms have given notice to houses in Bradford where there are many Germans, that they will adopt Volapuk in correspondence with English manufacturers

The London Times says that a few weeks ago some excavations at Pompeii brought to light a set of surgical instruments, many of which resemble instruments in use at the present day

John Edman, an Ohio man proposes to start a daily newspaper in the Finnish language at Ishpeming Mich Jan 1 It will be the only daily in that language published in the United States

A Maine man as an experiment clipped the fleece from a pet Newfoundland dog and had it carded and spun into yarn It yielded four skeins of jet black yarn, weighing two and one-quarter pounds and was as soft as wool

A solid lump of coal containing eighty seven cubic feet and weighing 6,351 pounds, was exhibited at the Texas state fair recently held at Dallas It was the largest block of coal ever taken from a mine in the United States

It is said that the most acceptable of all holiday presents to a lady from her husband or brother, or any friend who has a right to give it is a long narrow strip of tinted paper on which is written "Pay to the order of — $—"

Mr and Mrs Lewis, an American couple have been traveling for four months through Europe on a tandem cycle Their joint expenses by this mode of traveling have been limited to twenty six shillings a day, nothing, fees included

Mr Jesse Haworth, of Bowdon, Cheshire, has presented to the British museum the throne chair of Queen Hatasu of the eighteenth Egyptian dynasty, B C 1600 This is the oldest piece of furniture in the world, the date of which is known

An example of economy was that of Ignatz Freund in his Detroit store, who lighted the gas jets one after another with a single match until it burned his fingers, and then dropped it into a pile of cotton the result of which was a general panic and a damage of $1,000

In France 131 734,827 francs are expended on public instruction, and 12,936,055 on the fine arts There is an elementary school for every 473 inhabitants, and a primary attendance of 3 868 090 Of the entire appropriation this year 81,460,000 francs were set down for primary education

Recently a consignment of 18,870 boxes of raisins from Fresno Cal were shipped via the Sunset route to New York The weight of the consignment was 117,000 pounds, and it occupied a special train of twenty cars It was the largest single shipment of freight ever made from California, and regular rates were paid

A Philadelphia merchant says that, in opening the mail in the morning, he always reserves for the last those letters which have "The Honorable" prefixed to the address His experience has been that in nine cases out of ten they are written by persons who ask some favor and make use of the prefix in a mild attempt at flattery

In Buenos Ayres there is a bank which has a paid up capital of $57,000 000, deposits of $[illegible]000 000, and a line of discounts amounting to $60,000 000 The Argentine Republic imports $80 000,000 worth of goods, and of this sum the United States gets only $5,000 000 The country is already a powerful competitor in the market of the world for dressed beef and wheat

A Chicago clergyman, in a recent sermon on the vice of great cities gave a severe rap at certain eminent divines who have been in the habit of visiting the slums to obtain ocular evidence of their iniquity "I have not personally visited the vile places of the city for the purpose of afterward preaching about them said he that is too thin" Whereupon the congregation audibly smiled

Indications now point to the existence of a submarine volcanic crater between the Canary Islands and the coast of Portugal From a cable laying steamer in 39 degs 25 mins north 9 degs of mins west, the water was found to measure 1,000 fathoms under the bow and 800 under the stern, showing the ship to be over the edge of a deep depression in the ocean bottom The well known great inequalities in the bed of the Sea of Lisbon are thought to be due to a submarine chain of mountains

LITERARY NOTES

The serials in Harper's for 1888 are to be by William Black and W D Howells

Mr Chamberlain it is said will write a book on his American trip when he returns to England

Mrs Frank Leslie intends to arrange for the publication of a Spanish American newspaper in the City of Mexico

In Robert Louis Stevenson's "Chapter on Dreams" in Scribner's for January he will tell of some of the phantoms which disturbed his boyhood and gave him the bent which has made him a writer of romances

Sister Frances M Clare, better known as the Nun of Kenmare has written and Belford Clarke & Co have published a little work with the title "Anti Poverty and Progress" It is in the nature of a reply to the land theories of Henry George, with special reference to the case of Dr McGlynn

Swinburne who contributes to the Athenaeum a rather enigmatic little poem headed "May 1888" will have in the Nineteenth Century for January an article called "Dr Thomas Tennyson" It sets forth that he has been intrusted with the papers of a lady now or long in Bedlam well asylum who devoted many years to proving that Tennyson's poems were written by Darwin

Mme Edmond [illegible] will shortly give to the world a volume in which she will put all her enemies in the pillory The book will be called "Mes Sensations Antiquées" Les Chatiments of Las Parias of Victor Hugo objects to such a profanation and it will no doubt prove to future chroniclers and historians a curious if not valuable human document concerning men and manners under the third republic

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

During her twenty years of married life Mrs John Guest, of Wichita Kan, has presented her husband with twenty two children. She has twice given birth to twins and once to triplets

The store of a man named Windley, at Hunter's Bridge N C, was plundered by burglars recently When he informed his wife of the fact she fainted and died before she could be restored to consciousness

Lightning struck a basket of eggs in a farm yard near Meriden, Miss, not long ago, and a man who witnessed the descent of the electric fluid solemnly declared that it hatched out chickens from several of the eggs

There is a man in the Kansas penitentiary who beginning with a term at Sing Sing years ago, has served his time in regular succession in the penitentiaries of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Kansas

A darky applied to the county clerk at Smithville, Ga, recently for a marriage license but on being informed that it would cost $1 75 he departed without one, saying that "he wasn't in any hurry, nohow, and he guessed they'd be cheaper after a while"

Patrick Liesman, who found a spring on his farm near Holland Mich, that will make hair grow on most anything has sold the cow and calf on which he had raised long whiskers to a Chicago museum for $1,300 He will ship some of the water to the animals each week

A mill in Carlton, Mich, recently burned, and during the entire conflagration the big engine ran steadily, and so in some way was saved from destruction The working of the engine kept the pumps going, so the boilers were kept supplied with water and there was no explosion

A drunken laborer named John Davies, at Dowlais England, on his way home lay down beside the railroad track so close to the rails that, a train coming along, the engine ran over and cut off the heel of his boot When the train stopped and backed up the man was still asleep, and was indignant at being made to get up and go home

A Montana paper recently contained this remarkable notice "Mr Charles Johnson and Miss Fannie West were married by Rev S Hills on Wednesday So far no trouble has resulted, and those best informed as to the situation say there will be none" The next day the editor apologized and explained that part of an item regarding an incipient strike had got in the wrong place

George Frey, of Oil City Pa, wrote a letter to his brother in Michigan a few nights ago and after sealing it he happened to glance at the clock It had stopped at 9 45 Mr Frey set the clock from his watch, and the sound of the ticking seemed to him strangely like a low voice calling out "I'm gone I'm gone" In the morning Mr Frey received a telegram announcing his brother's death, and a subsequent letter contained the information that he died at 9 45 and that his last words were "I'm gone!"

SOME QUEER MISHAPS

William Merritt, of Newark, lost the calf of his leg by the accidental discharge of his gun while hunting in the Berkshire woods

Patrick Hannon, of Springfield, Mass, 17 years of age, must do without his right hand in future He was shooting ducks when his gun burst, and the fingers of that hand went flying after the game

Capt Reynolds, of Baddon Court, Latchford England lost his life by his gun exploding as he was climbing a fence The charge shattered his left knee, and amputation did not save him

James Pearson came into Washington, N C from the country to buy an ax While departing from the store with his purchase he dropped it and it fell on his right foot, completely severing the second toe

Miss Catherine Simonds, who lived near Reading England, lost her life while hunting Her horse stumbled in a rabbit hole, Miss Simonds fell and her horse kicked out her brains before she could be rescued.

With his hand hanging in shreds, William Lewis, of Morris Plains, N J, walked to a hospital where the wounded member was amputated He had been hunting rabbits and his gun was prematurely discharged.

John and Cyrus Mark, of Pueblo, Colo, went duck shooting and, seeing a flock, were creeping upon them through the brush Cyrus was just behind his brother His gun caught in the brush and was discharged, and John fell dead having received the contents in his back

James Lowless, a railroad section boss was riding on a railroad bicycle on the Pemberton and Seashore railroad, when he was overtaken by an extra train, consisting of an engine and Superintendent Bannard's special car and his machine run down He was killed outright

BASEBALL TALK

Healy says he will not pitch for Indianapolis next year

Kelly's work in right field is pronounced the finest ever seen in San Francisco

Billy McLean, of Philadelphia, is mentioned as one of the probable League umpires next year

McIlmers a great pitcher, the superior, one might add of any who has twirled a ball in this state —San Francisco Call.

Capt Anson says he is willing to concede that Caruthers is Clarkson's superior outside of the box but he can't pitch such ball as Clarkson

Californians say Dave Foutz's arm has commenced to draw up as Charley Sweeney did and it is probably lost, as far as pitching is concerned

Official expressions from both the Philadelphia and Athletic clubs indicate that twenty five cents will continue to be the price of admission to ball games in the Quaker City

Toronto will have a great nine next season, despite the departure of several players They will have Decker c and r f, Old fielder, c and r f Atkinson, Cushman p, Hartnett lb Keanis 2b, Rickley, 3b, McLaughlin s and captain, Burke, l f, Fally c f and p Connors, r f

POLITICAL PICKINGS

It costs the United States $2,000,000 a year to carry on the war of 1812 even at this late date —Chicago News

There are seven Georgians who, it is believed would like to succeed Senator Colquitt Two of them are Congressmen Turner and Crisp

The people who want Bob Lincoln for president in 1888 will have to keep on calling Bob will not help swell the noise —Chicago Inter Ocean

The St Louis Post Dispatch (Dem) wants the meeting of congress changed to October or Nov 1 at the latest, and says "It seems absurd to continue an arrangement of sessions which crowds all of the work of both sessions into the last year of the term for which the members were elected, and very often makes a miserable abortion of the short session"

Bad Health of the Rich

Bad health afflicts the millionaire as it does the pauper Many a modern Midas has the dyspepsia, and he cannot eat the dainty things which his French cook brings him Amos Lawrence of Boston, did not dare to tempt his stomach by eating with his family and had to confine himself to oat meal gruel Jay Gould lately telegraphed to a London doctor for a cure for neuralgia, and the pills which he received in response did not help him a bit All the millions in the world will not stop the jumping toothache, and Mrs A T Stewart paid $12 000 a year to three physicians during her latter days and died at last, and she was not happy under the process All of Mayor Hewitt's wealth will not drive away insomnia Insomnia is the ghost of many a rich man, and I doubt that Hewitt would give many thousand dollars to know that it would never visit him again He had in Washington during his congressional career a half dozen different houses and could not buy sleep at the highest rental rates

During part of the time he lived at Wormley's hotel and had the whole top floor reserved for him He would travel from one bedroom to another night after night seeking a soporific pillow, but his efforts were often in vain, and the crowing of the cocks, the yawling of the cats and the barking of the dogs drove sleep from his eyelids A baker, who was probably happy when he made $5 a day, lived near Hewitt's Washington house This baker's name was Kaiser and this Kaiser had a dog The dog disturbed Hewitt night after night and Hewitt made such a fuss about it that his trouble was published in the papers throughout the country Kaiser, however, would not sell the dog and the rich man was forced to listen to it —Frank G Carpenter in Kansas City Journal

Curiosities of a Mexican Town.

Close to the city the Guanajuata quarries yield a beautiful stone, which has now a clear pea green and now a bright pink color, and which is very fine for building purposes, with the one drawback —that the slabs obtained, while they may be had of almost any desired area, are but three or four inches in thickness For columns, however, this is rather an advantage as may be seen in the portico of the great theater now building, where the grouped pillars have an appearance almost of mosaic from the striated effect of the stone aforesaid The market place of Guanajuata is laid at all sorts of planes and angles, and it is a most picturesque and interesting district Especially is it rich in arbolarias or herb stands, where are sold the simples affected by the herb pollor, not only vegetable in form, but echinoderm shells, deers' hoofs, many mineral remedies, armadillo shells, pole cats split open and dried and many other kindred inviting rostrums Here, too are sold various charming sorts of pottery —the lovely iridescent ware, the discovery of whose manufacture in Mexico has created a veritable furor among the affectors of ceramics—the red, double spouted, canteen like water bottles and the strikingly effective ware of Guadalajara, which, by the way, may here be bought for a trifle, 78 cents the bottle, while in Chihuahua or Mexico it costs from $1 to $3 —San Francisco Chronicle

Dr Sage's Catarrh Remedy cures when every other so called remedy fails

A passenger train ran through a flock of 4 000 sheep near Tacoma W T recently, killing 100 of them without derailing the engine

A Man Who Dyes to Live.

There is in Tacoma, W T, a man who dyes to live and lives to dye, and the more he dyes the better he lives This man writes to say "For the past two years I have been a perfect martyr to dyspepsia—all the food I would take into my stomach turned my muscles into a boiling cauldron of acid, generating pains and discomfort throughout my system I have tried all kinds of remedies, and the only unfailing one I ever found is Acker's Dyspepsia Tablets I am glad to recommend these to all who suffer from this dread complaint because I am sure they will give relief. W D ROBERTSON Tacoma Steam Dye Works"

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The switching engines of the Caledonian Railroads in Glasgow are to be provided with trumpets for signals instead of whistles The system will also soon be adopted in London

A Pastor Cured by Faith

Rev Dr John Williamson, Pastor Michigan Ave church, Chicago, has been cured by faith, Jas A Sterling County Assessor, Roseburg Or, was not cured by faith, but by Acker's Blood Elixir He says —"I have derived so much benefit by taking Acker's Blood Elixir, that I unhesitatingly endorse it as a medicine of unusual reliability I urge all who may be afflicted with disorders of the blood, to give this most excellent remedy a fair trial, because I am sure, after doing so, they will corroborate this statement of mine and thank me for making it" This wonderful Blood Elixir is guaranteed and sold by L Denison & Co druggists

An Escanaba county man died last Saturday, and a post mortem examination of his remains showed a small lizard in his stomach which had literally bitten him to death He had been taking medicine for dyspepsia

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Henry Conrad, Greenwood, Neb, met his death in a singular way last week He was going hunting with his hired man, and directed the latter to place his gun in the wagon and drive on ahead while he followed on foot The jolting of the vehicle discharged the gun and the entire charge lodged in Conrad's head, killing him almost instantly

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Snow an inch deep was reported at Monterey, Mexico, last Friday, and so cold was the weather that Howe's circus which went out there three days ago, had to build a fire around its elephant to prevent the animal from freezing

Capt C A Borelli New York was cured of a 10 years case of piles by Palmer's Skin Success

London traders say the outlay for Christmas this season has been phenomenal, and it is no misnomer to call it "Merry England" this year At the same time Austria is haunted by the specter of war, and stagnation prevails in the shops at Vienna

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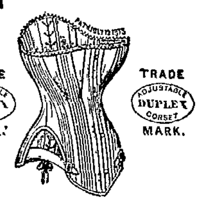

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PUBLIC OPINION.

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The Aim is Lofty, but the Foundation is Sure—No Letting Down

Bed Rock.

This is the LADDER on which
John H. Stoll,
—THE POPULAR—
BOOT AND SHOE MAN
Is surmounting to the Pinnacle of Commercial Success
It stands on Bed Rock it rests on Public Opinion You can see it in use at
EAST SIDE SOUTH MAIN STREET,
SIGN OF THE BIG RED BOOT.

LOCAL NEWS.

—Miss Clara Shirley was visiting among her relatives in Columbus

—D. Brockett was down from Cleveland attending the Huber election of officers.

—Sam'l Shrock left for Indiana last Saturday to visit his friends and relatives there.

—J. W. Philips, of Kansas City, Mo., was guest of his brother Jim, at Hotel Marion.

—Miss Allie Hane was at Bellefontaine spending her New Year's with relatives.

—Miss Minnie Evans, of Delaware, was a guest of Miss Zelda Davis. on east Center street.

—Mrs. G. W. Luellen and daughters spent Sunday the guests of their Delaware friends.

—Miss Anna C. Lyons, of London, O., was spending New Years with the Misses Leonard.

—Misses Stella and Ella Ault left Saturday last for Bellefontaine, where they spent New Year's.

—Miss Cora Patten spent the past week with her relatives and friends in Columbus and Newark.

—Chas. Lederman has arrived home after a ten days' sojourn in Memphis and other southern cities.

—T. J. Magruder was spending New Year's in Bellefontaine, the guest of his daughter, Mrs. E. J. Short.

—Miss Grace Griffith returned to Pittsburg, Saturday, after two weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Cummin.

—Thomas Naphew, of Oakland, Ill., formerly a resident of this county, is visiting the Thompsons and other friends.

—Miss Mattie Hill returned to her home in Akron Tuesday, after two weeks spent very pleasantly among her Marion friends.

—Mrs. B. F. Waples and daughter Carrie, and Mrs. G. W. Kendrick were at Richwood to remain over Sunday with Mrs. G. W. Crawford.

—Hon. B. G. Young left for Columbus Tuesday to attend the opening of the Ohio Legislature. B. G. is a big gun among the State law-makers.

—Mrs. Frederick, wife of the round-house foreman of the C. and A., at Marion, returned to Huntington on Monday, after spending Sunday with her husband.

—Edna, the nine-year-old daughter of Mr. Chas. Harraman, the county Recorder, died at 12.30 Saturday, of diphtheria. The funeral occured Monday at 11 o'clock.

—Jno. Anderson is about the happiest man in town. He will remember the last day of 1887 as the birthday of his daughter, a bright little lady who arrived last Saturday.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Emerine, Mr. and Mrs. T. Hale and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Warner, all of Fostoria, spent New Year's with Rev. R. Wallace and wife, on east Center street.

—Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Johnston were at Troy, Ohio, to spend New Years with Mrs. Johnston's sister, Mrs. C. L. Van Cleve. Miss Claudia Hitchcock accompanied them.

—Richwood Gazette: Mrs. E. J. Finley, of Marion, is visiting at the home of her son, E. R. Finley, for a few days.....Miss Kanable, of Marion, was the guest of Miss Laura Linder, during the past week.

—At the meeting of the stockholders of the Malleable Iron company on Monday the old board of directors was re-elected. The officers are: E. Huber, President; H. M. Barnhart, Vice President; B. F. Waples, Secretary; F. E. Young, Manager; J. L. Bell, Treasurer; P. Bacher, Foreman.

—Messrs. T. H. B. Beale, J. S. Beale, Dr. Adams and E. M. Beale, assisted by J. S. Dull and Chas. Schell, entertained about twenty young friends, as a fitting close of the New Year's festivities. Like all former soirees given at Mr. Beale's home, it was a very merry entertainment that none could help enjoying.

—The Marion Manufacturing company's election of Directors Monday evening resulted in the re-election of the old board, with the exception of James Bryan and John Evans, who were succeeded by R. T. Parkinson and Dr. Rhu. The officers are: B. F. Waples, President; J. W. Stringer, Vice President and General Manager; H. Ackerman, Secretary and Treasurer; F. Stroble, Superintendent.

—The new M. P. church, known as Parr Cemetery Chapel, in Bowling Green township, will be dedicated on Sunday, Jan. 8th, 1888. The new edifice is 30x56 feet with galleries, and is as fine a country meeting house as there is in this county. It is located two miles southwest of LaRue. Among the well-known ministers who will assist in the dedication are Rev. D. C. Garrison, of Richwood, and Rev. A. P. McNutt, of Byhalia.

—Messrs. E. Huber, Geo. B. Christain, J. J. Hane, W. H. Gordon, B. F. Waples and C. P. Gailey, who were recently elected trustees of the Mechanics' Library, have taken steps to inform themselves in regard to the rules governing library associations throughout the State and, after due consideration, have recommended a constitution similar to that of the Mercantile Library, of Cincinnati. A meeting of the association has been called for January 6th to consider this subject. Let all turn out whether members or not and encourage this worthy project.

—Exchange: "Tell me not in mournful numbers" that the town is full of gloom, for the man's a crank who slumbers in these bustling days of boom. Life is real, life is earnest, and the grave is not its goal; ever dollar that thou turnest helps to make the old town roll. But enjoyment and not sorrow is our destined end of pay; if you have no money, borrow—buy a corner lot each day! Lives of great men all remind us, we can win immortal fame; let us leave the chumps behind us, and we'll get there just the same. In this world's broad field of battle, in the bivouac of life, let us make the dry bones rattle—buy a corner for your wife! Let us then be up and doing, with a heart for any fate, still achieving, still pursuing, booming early, booming late.

SANDUSKY, O., Nov. 27, 1885

I have used Surprise Liniment for rheumatism and testify it is the very best remedy I have ever tried. My wife used it for sore throat and found speedy relief.

EDWARD COLLEY, Coal Dealer.

—Hank Smiley and wife spent Sunday and Monday in Shelby, O., Smiley's former home.

—Policeman Wash Whipps has been ill for the past few days, but is getting better again.

—Ed. K. Clark and family are spending a week or so in Galion, at the home of Mrs. Clark's mother.

—The old Board of Directors and officers of the Huber company have been re-elected for another year.

—Mr. and Mrs. O. Wollenweber, of Columbus, O., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. Leffler for a week.

—Homer Johnston, James Beatty and Miss Linsley, all left to resume their studies at Oberlin Tuesday.

—Elmer Rhoads and Rollie Crossen returned to Delaware Tuesday to resume their studies at the Business college.

—J. W. Wells, the hustling Huber agent at Middleport, O., was in the city Tusday. Mr. Wells sold sixteen Huber threshing outfits last summer.

—Miss Lizzie Langistaffer, of Covington, Ky., late of Edinburg, Germany, is visiting her cousins, the Misses Irene and Stella Leech, on east South street.

—J. B. Grady, Superintendent of the American Express company stables at Cleveland, was in the city Monday looking up the matter of better equipment for the Marion delivery.

—The Elks gave a very appropriate close to their New Year's reception by inviting all their callers to join them in a dance that evening. The Elk club rooms presented a festive scene until a late hour.

—The police tendered an all-night reception to nine tramps, at the city prison Monday night. The term tramp has to be a pretty broad one when it applies to all that seek prison shelter on cold nights.

—N. Y., P. and O. yard engine, No. 9, was thrown from the track west of the Junction Tuesday morning by a broken rail, and before the men got it back on the track train 1 had been delayed three hours.

—We notice the name of Miss Kate R. Blair, principal of the Marion High school, among those who were granted life certificates to teach by the State Board of examiners at Columbus last week. Miss Blair is to be congratulated upon her success.

—Miss Elizabeth Lee had the misfortune to slip and fall in front of her home on east Center street, Monday evening. She struck her head on the stone pavement with such force as to be knocked insensible for a half hour or more, but sustained no other injuries of a serious nature.

—Mrs. G. W. Conrad, formerly a resident of Marion and known by nearly everybody about here, died at her home in Washington, D. C., on Monday, of cancer in the stomach. The remains of Mrs. Conrad arrived in Marion from Washington, at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening, accompanied by the family.

—The Natural Gas and Artesian Well company re-elected its old Board of Directors on Monday night. We have been pretty slow in finding it out, but have been informed that the Marion company, with a few new stockholders from LaRue, are putting down the promising well on the Geddis place, between Marion and Caledonia.

Jurors Drawn.

The following list of Grand and Petit jurors have been drawn for the January term of court, both to appear on January 30th:

Grand Jurors.—Ed Conley, Marion; S. A. Coffy, Third ward; J. W. Hecker, Prospect; James Vaughan, First ward; Caleb Isler, Prospect; W. E. Denman, Bowling Green; John A. Schaaf, Waldo; J. E. Bryan, First ward; Wm. Riley, Montgomery; R. I. Mouser, Salt Rock; John Lehner, Richland; Frank Eply, Claridon; Wm. Baker, Big Island; H. E. Gillespie, Grand; Chas. Basler, Green Camp.

Petit Jurors.—Peter Rubins, Grand; Jas. Williams, Montgomery; D. Griffith, Prospect; Andrew Hinds, Claridon; Adam Klingle, Richland; J. H. Howison, Prospect; John Webb, Montgomery; Henry Nesbitt, Claridon; Phil Linn, Marion; M. W. Petty, Prospect; D. M. Hineman, Scott; Lewis Gunn, First Ward; B. F. Court, Pleasant; Geo. Holuerstott, Montgomery; M. J. Myers, Pleasant; J. R. Harshberger, Third ward; Joseph Oborn, Richland; Isaiah Jones, Third ward.

Ohio's Centennial.

In order that Marion county may be appropriately represented at the Ohio Centennial Exposition, to be held at Columbus, O., beginning September 4th and ending October 19th, 1888, the Director General, at his late visit to Marion, recommended that a County Centennial Society be organized, and requested the Farmers' Institute to take the initial steps by calling a meeting of the citizens of the county. In compliance therewith at a meeting of the officers of the Institute, Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 2 o'clock p.m., City Hall, Marion, O., was the time and place selected. It is hoped that there will be a general attendance, as all are interested in the matter of every calling or occupation. In addition to the organization of the Society by electing the usual officers, three commissioners are to be selected to take charge of the exhibits of the county at the exposition.

Prospect, LaRue and Caledonia papers please copy.

By order of Ex. Com.

Marion Public Schools.

Following is the Superintendent's report of the Marion Public Schools for the month ending December 23, 1887:

No. Enrolled this Year to Date...	Boys, 459 Girls, 428	887
No. Enrolled this Month...........	Boys, 427 Girls, 403	830
Average Weekly Enrollment,........		809.7
Average Daily Attendance, ...		771.7
Average Daily Absence............		16.2
Average per cent. of Attendance,....		97.4
No. of Days School was in Session,......		20
No. Neither Absent nor Tardy,......		545
No. Cases Tardiness,............		16
No. Cases Truancy,............		2
No. Cases Corporal Punishment.......		12
No. Non-Resident Pupils,...........		19
No. Visitors,..............		28
No. Cases Tardiness by Teachers		1
No. Colored Pupils,............	Boys, 7 Girls, 9	16

A. G. CROUSE, Supt.

OUR IMPROVEMENT.

MARION'S GREAT GROWTH IN BUILDINGS DURING THE PAST YEAR

Over One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars Expended in New Buildings and the Improvement of Old Ones in 1887 Where They Are.

At the close of the year is a very proper time to regard Marion's growth in 1887. While our city has not made the grand stride that was anticipated a year ago, the progress is sufficient to cause no little pride. Our fond hope for gas, whose influence so stimulates growth, and our expectations regarding the Black Diamond railroad have not been realized, and there is a great deal yet undone that would have been pushed forward had either been realized. So many statements of growth are only the simple assertions, that we have looked up authority of ours, and accordingly a STAR man was sent out scouring the city for new buildings and looking up the contractors who erected them, so we have a pretty accurate list, found below:

The Marion Steam Shovel works, built by Leffler & Bland, at a cost of $15,000.

Marion Malleable Iron works, built by same, at a cost of about $10,000.

Marion Manufacturing company's works, by Finch Bros., at a cost of $5000.

Jones Bros., contractors, report sixteen dwellings. Dwelling for Oscar Berry, on Grand avenue, $500; small dwelling, near stone quarry, $550; Henry Pooch's residence, on Farming street, $650; James Compton's dwelling, on Farming street, $650; dwelling for Frank Mayer, on Cherry street, $800; same for John Dudley, on west Center street, $850; one for John Schneider, on south East street, $700; two for Dave Garfield, on Park street, $1400; James Bolander's dwelling, on Cherry street, $1000; S. A. Coffy's dwelling, on west South street, 1200; one for Thomas Murphy, on Silver street, 800; one for G S McGuire, in Loveland, 600; one for Wesley Harsh, on Silver street, 900; John Sitare's, on Silver street, 600, and J. W. Scott's residence, on Windsor street, 800.

Contractor Gardner built five houses for John Evans, at the stone quarries, at a cost of $2500; one for same, on Silver street, 800; and one for same, on west Center, for 1800; one for H. M. Barnhart, on west Center, 1200; one for S. T. Beechower, on west Center, 1200; one for H. C. Sharpless, on Greenwood street, for 2000; and one for John Dee, on Farming street, for 2000.

Jim Malloy erected a dwelling for John Ballentine, on north Main street, for $150; and one for himself, on north East street, at a cost of 500.

Contractor Chas. Miller built four new houses from the ground up during the summer at an expense of $2500, but had not time to give location.

Contractor Beaver erected J. Blach's new residence at a cost of $3000; J. A. Vail's dwelling, on south East street, for 2000, Dr Hamilton's east Center street residence, 3000; George McCurdy's dwelling, on east Center, for 1000; and remodeled the Leonard block at a cost of 2000.

Various contractors worked on the large dwelling house of J. J. Hopkins, on east South street, which is completed at the cost of $9000.

Contractor Boyer erected three dwellings for Dr. Harding—one, on John street, for $1000, one on same street for 600, and one on Dwyer's lane for 350; and a dwelling for A. LaTourrette, in west Marion, at a cost of 450.

John Sloan erected a $750 dwelling in True & Uhler's addition; one on the boulevard, for Phillips and Stoeks, for 700; and one on south West street, for Chas. Lederman, for $1500.

Contractor Nate Fields erected a dwelling for Chas. Inskeep, on Vine street, for $2000; one for Wm. Dennig, on Bellefontaine avenue, for 750, one for Geo. Foster, on Cherry street, for 700; and one for Mrs. Bertinger, on Mt. Vernon avenue, 2500.

Contracter Wasser erected a dwelling for H. Ackerman, on Cherry street, for $1500; one for Hughes & Olney, near Creamery, for 1800; one for Dr. Wyant, on the boulevard, for 1800; and one for Frank King, on the boulevard, 2000.

John Winters erected a frame house for himself, on Grand avenue, at a cost of $900; one for Al Muchler, on the boulevard, for 800; one for Court & Lust, in east Marion, 1000.

Contractor Wm. Hughey remodeled W. B. Foye's east Center street residence at a cost of $2000; built one for C. R Stanley, on the hill, at a cost of 1500; erected H. G. Reiser's dwelling, on Vine street, for 2000.

W. G. Shute erected an $800 dwelling for Mrs. Stahl, on Grand avenue.

The cracker factory, in east Marion, was erected by Jim Reynolds for A. Ackerman at a cost of $2000. He also constructed Oscar Olds' dwelling, on George street, for 500; and the Conckling dwelling, on Jefferson street, for 750.

Contractor Bush built a dwelling for the Marion County bank, an east South street, for $700; one for J. Woodruff, on east South street, for 1000; one for R Hinds for 750; five for A. LaTourrette, in west Marion, at a total cost of 3500; one for Joe Byers, on Oak street, for 600; one for H. Lagrange, 700; one for H. True, on Lincoln avenue, for 400; one for same, on Barnhart street, for 650; one for J. Medlam, on Barnhart street, for 600; one for Sandy Snyder, on east Center, for 500; one for W. H. Messenger, on east Center, for 550; two for Dr. Harding, on College Hill, 1750; one for W. H. Messenger, on College Hill, 500; three for H. True, on College Hill, 1200; one for A. M. Dilts, College Hill, 550; one for Etta Haines, 700; two for Court & Lust, 1000; four for H. True, on Grand avenue, 2000; one for H. Butler, on Grand avenue, 500; one for E. Blake, Grand avenue, 650; one for J. Lusch, Grand avenue, 500; one for J. Jump, Grand avenue, 500; one for James Bolinger, Grand avenue, 400.

Contractor Apt. of Caledonia, erected the Normal school building for H. True at a cost of $2500; and built Mrs. Bowen's residence for 1200.

J. Stafford put up two dwellings, in east Marion, at a cost of $1000.

There are many others, doubtless, besides the many additions and costly repairs, but the above will give an adequate idea of what growth we have made. The new Huber boiler shops, excluding machinery, did not cost heavily, but is an important factor in our improvement.

BAD LUCK CONTINUES

The C. and A. Has Another Wreck Near Kouts—Fireman Collins Killed at Spencerville.

The C. and A. had sufficient ill luck to wind up the old year with an expensive wreck, and then start in the new by killing a faithful employe.

Near Kouts, the scene of the horrible slaughter of train 12's passengers, Saturday morning, a fast stock train crashed into the section preceding it, the first train having stopped for water. The cause of the long stop is not reported, but Brakeman Lyman, of the first train, who was asleep in the caboose instead of out with a flag, was burned with the caboose. A car of stock was also burned, and the damage to the engine will reach $4000.

On Sunday evening a sad accident occurred at Spencerville, in which Pat Collins lost his life. Pat was firing for engineer Throckmorton, of this city, who was making his first trip over the road. At Spencerville the engine got out of water, and, while stopping, Collins crawled under the engine to clean the ash pan. By some misunderstanding, Throckmorton started to pull ahead, and but a very slight move was necessary to crush the life out of poor Collins. His body was not mutilated, and was carried into the depot, where an inquest was held, but with what conclusion is not known.

Collins sudden death is of more than usual sadness. He had not been on the road for some time, owing to his children's illness with diphtheria, and had only gone on Sunday from the necessity caused by lack of money. His home is in Huntington.

Litigation Regarding the Kouts Wreck.

[Huntington Herald.]

In the Porter county Circuit Court, Wednesday, the case of the State vs. Conductor John D. Park, on trial for the involuntary manslaughter for having been criminally responsible for the Kouts railroad disaster, on the C. and A. R'y, was tried. No decision was given by the judge, but he plainly indicated that he should order its dismissal. Engineer Dorsey, of this city, also indicted on a similar charge, is also attending the sessions of the court. The sheriff of Porter county visited this city, Tuesday, and placed him under arrest. Bond in the sum of $5000 was promptly furnished, however, with Col. Briant, Michael Mast, Cal. Lyons, Lafayette Truman, John Wonderly and Briny Conners as sureties. The case against Mr. Dorsey is not yet set, but will probably be argued one day next week. His friends are confident that it will be dismissed.

Probate Court.

Burns Weeks and Amanda E. Kenyon licensed to marry.

J. W. Thew executor of the estate of Henry Thew, filed final account.

A. Tavener, guardian of Milta Hamilton, filed third account.

Elizabeth Hipsher, now Ehlers, guardian of Edward Hipsher et al., filed final account.

A. H. Kling, administrator of the estate of Nancy A. Clark, filed first account.

Johathan Bell, guardian of Mary C. Franklin, filed first account.

Catharine Lance, administratrix of the estate of Joseph Lance, filed final account.

John G. Ruth, administrator of the estate of Abraham Patten, filed first account.

Thomas J. Ryan, administrator of the estate of Johanna O'Connor, deceased, filed motion for extension of time for settlement.

Will of Margaret Morral filed, and application to admit same to probate and record. For hearing January 31st.

Will of Ferdinand Wolford presented, proven and admitted to probate and record.

Louina Kesler, guardian of Effie and Bertrice Kesler, filed second account.

Farmers' Institute.

The following business was transacted on December 28th, 1887:

By instructions from the Secretary of the State Board, the time of holding the Caledonia institute was changed from January 31st and February 1st to January 30th and 31st, 1888.

The committee on constitution and bylaws reported, and after a few changes the report was adopted.

By instructions given by Gen. Hurst at the annual Institute, Pres. Lawrence was directed to call a meeting of the citizens of Marion county for Wednesday, Jan. 11th, to organize a Marion county centennial society.

The program was completed for the Caledonia institute.

Meeting adjourned.

G. E. LAWRENCE, Pres.
JOS. KLINEFELTER, Sec.

New Officers Sworn In.

The new elected officers whose terms began Monday were duly sworn and have assumed their official duties. Sheriff Kelly was sworn in by Clerk Thomas, and immediately succeeded Sheriff Beckley. Patsy will undoubtedly make a first-class official

Prosecuting Attorney Crissinger was also sworn in by Clerk Thomas, and his first official work was the arraignment of the overcoat thief, Hart, before the Probate court.

Commissioner Raub, who now begins his term proper, Engineer Scott and Infirmary Director Hipsher were all sworn in by Probate Judge Criswell.

A Hip Broken.

The aged John Anderson, residing on corner of Greenwood and south street, had just recently recovered from the effects of a fall, and went to the woods Monday, out to his place east of town, for a load of wood. While loading the wagon, he slipped on some ice and, falling heavily, broke his left hip.

He was brought to his home, where Dr. Hamilton reduced the fracture and made him as comfortable as possible. He was too old, though, for a recovery, and the shock brought about his death Tuesday morning.

What a Blessing to Mothers.

Acker's Baby Soother differs from all baby syrups or cordials. It contains no laudanum, opium or morphine in any part of its composition. It is harmless, but soothing and positive in its action. It lulls the child into quiet repose and upon awakening it is refreshed, vigorous and natural. It is the only safe medicine yet made that will remove all infantile disorders. Sold at 25 cents, by L. Denison & Co., druggists.

Bowling Green

Everybody is suffering for water. It is the dryest winter ever known in this country.

Last Monday, Dec. 26, there were quite a number of large fish caught in Rush Creek. Frank Litted caught some weighing two and a half pounds. Mud turtles were caught that weighed twenty five to thirty pounds.

Mrs. Belle Bonham died Dec. 29th, at 11 a. m., of consumption, which had been gradually reducing her health by bleeding at the lungs. Her funeral and burial took place Dec. 31. 1887.

The party at Joe Cary's last Saturday evening was a failure, owing to arrangements which the leaders had made.

Our folks generally enjoyed themselves during the holidays by visiting and entertaining guests.

Mr. John Harris has been to Wood Co visiting friends and looking after a future home, where he expects to move next fall

The Christmas tree at Wind-fall school house Christmas eve was well attended, and the tree was well-loaded with presents

Miss Ella Sivey, of Logan county, is at Mr. Jos. Cary's this week.

The new church of Bowling Green will be dedicated the 8th of January, 1888, by the P. M. denomination. The presiding elder will be here. Come out and help dedicate.

Mr. A. F. Sager had a literary at the Harrisburg school house last Thursday which we can endorse as being grand.

As this is vacation for the schools, Frank and Numy Siffrit and J. D. Sager are home visiting parents.

I see by the delinquent tax list that there are seventeen of our taxpayers on this list which is better than usual for this township. As many more than that number fell delinquent heretofore.

The Harrisburg theatrical troupe will in the near future give a show at the Parr Town, Dudley, Baldwin and Harrisburg school houses.

Elmer Bonstead was here during holidays visiting relatives.

Mr. Milt Cheney and lady, of Scioto, Hardin county, are here visiting relatives.

Mr. Chas. Harris, of Wood county, is here visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. P. E. Guthery is in the West attending the funeral and burial of his father.

Mr. Albert Thomasson has erected a new barn near his residence, which is just being completed.

Mr. M. L. Sager intends to leave his saw mill on J. D. Guthery's farm this winter. This will give our farmers a chance to take advantage of its presence.

Messrs Dison and Fields sold a thousand bushels of corn last week for 50 cents per bushel.

Miss Blanche Tanner is visiting relatives in Indiana and Chicago.

Sometimes our teachers meet with cases in school which make them feel like making a hasty retreat. Such being the case with Mr. E. T. Sager, who was agreeably surprised by being the recipient of a silk muffler, last Monday, by one of his pupils, who had been chosen by the pupils to tender the gift. To reconcile this expression of esteem and worthiness the teacher made arrangements to agreeably surprise his pupils; so he urged each and everyone to prepare a selection for Friday afternoon, when he intended to have the teachers and parents present to listen to their work and give words of encouragement and congratulate their work. So, when the time arrived, several visitors had already gained admittance and several came after the work began, which numbered in all eighteen. The most pleasing feature of the afternoon was hard to tell, as several speeches were made by parents and directors besides visitors from outside the district, gave some very encouraging remarks to the children in their work As several new moves had been made to enliven the occasion, we can't but put in mild terms, it was a grand affair. The last feature of the occasion was a holiday treat by the teacher to his pupils of a package of candy for each. Everyone then wended his way toward home, wishing for many such occasions. We think it is the duty of the parents to visit the school, and by them lending their efforts to aid the teacher in his work he is sure of a marked success. This we are glad to say is the case in the district known as Baldwin's, Union county, where the above took place.

Dec. 31. THE.

A Surprise Party.

Henry Dubert on West street was happily surprised last Saturday evening, by a number of friends and relatives who gathered at his home to celebrate his birthday. The Big Six orchestra furnished music for the occasion. Supper was served by the ladies and a pleasant time was had by all present.

Mr. M. Shoemaker, Vice President Northern National Bank, Toledo, Ohio, having suffered for years with rheumatism and tried all remedies known to alleviate, says, Surprise Liniment is the best remedy he has ever used. Try it at druggists.

SURPRISE MEDICINE Co., Sandusky, O.

An Open Letter.

TO THE STAR:—The woman's crusade was the pentecost of the great temperance reform. At that time the work received a Holy Ghost baptism, and, from the signing of the pledge to the casting of a ballot, it has become a christian work.

The W. C. T. U. was born of consecration to God, and can only be rightly carried on in the same spirit. The highest aim must always be as it was at first, to promulgate the gospel among those who are under the influence of the liquor traffic, whether these be the slaves of drink or those who by their ballot consent that the saloon may destroy and kill—if it only pays the moneyed price.

The W. C. T. U. of Marion believes that this reform is a complete, whole, from the a, b, c temperance, which we teach the children to the gospel of politics, wherein the voter asks himself: "What is the relation of this party, this candidate, to the setting up of Christ's kingdom on earth? How does my vote relate to the Lord's Prayer?" "The answer to this question is sacred, not secular, worthy to be given from the pulpit on the Sabbath day. In the Revolutionary war, the question at issue being religious liberty, our forefathers felt that they could preach and pray about it on the Sabbath. In the Civil war, both sides believing their cause to be holy, could do the same. And now, when it is a question of preserving the Sabbath itself and guarding the homes, which are the sanctuaries of Christ's gospel we women believe that no day is too good, no place too consecrated, for the declaration of principles and the determining of votes. The ascetic of the olden time shut himself away from the world and counted everything secular except specific acts of devotion The christian soldier of today reverses this process, and makes everything he does a devotional act—an expression of his loyalty to Christ." For, as one of our own has said, "Today Christ sits over against the ballot-box as of old. He sat over against the treasury, and judges men by what they cast therein."

Upon this foundation, broad as the Bible itself, we carry on our temperance work, crying continually, "How long; oh, Lord, how long,' must this deadly work go on? When will good men see their duty? When will they heed the pitious cry of the women, whom they love and trust? When will they strike the blow that will rescue their sons from drunkards' graves, and their loving daughters from the worse than death in life of becoming drunkards' wives?"

Our W. C. T. U. is much in prayer over this great problem. All who feel a like solicitude are kindly invited to meet with us in our regular Tuesday evening prayer and conference meeting.

LOUISE H. UHLER,
Sup't Evangelistic Dep't.

TOLEDO, O., Oct. 1, 1885.

I have been a great sufferer for years with neuralgia in my head. I tried Surprise Liniment and found it the only thing that would give me instant relief. Am free from neuralgia now, and have been for the past two years. JOHN S. ROWE.

A Mania for the Horrible.

Verestchagin, as an artist, utterly lacks the element of the picturesque. He has a mania for the grotesque and the horrible. His subjects are never lighted up by any imagination. You have simply hard, iron rendering of uninteresting or distressing sights. His subjects and the manner of their handling make the same appeal to the public as do the collections of the Eden Musee. Some of his pictures are on an exact par with the set tableaux of the Chamber of Horrors. Of this class are two pictures, colossal in size, representing executions, one at St. Petersburg and the other in India.

The first represents a scaffold in the dim background of a heavy falling storm of snow, while the foreground is a compact, dense mass of people of characteristic Russian types, leaning forward in the direction of the lugubrious scaffold and the victims of the public executioner, who stand out, blue gray figures nearly lost to sight in the mist and mass of the down falling, whirring snow. The figures in the foreground are painted with cruelal hardness, and even the snow flakes have pin points to distract their attention. The flakes are never suggested. They cover the picture, and being painted in such a bold, hard way, are really more prominent than the figures upon which they are falling.

The Indian execution represents British officers with a long line of guards standing just ready to discharge a dozen fieldpieces, to the mouths of which are lashed rebellious Indians writhing in the folds of their snow white draperies. This picture simply represents a scene of revolting cruelty. It contains not a suggestion appealing to any one's sense of beauty. It is a hard photograph, colored grimly in an unrelenting fashion, the opposite of anything approaching beauty.—T. C. Crawford in New York World.

Post Drivers of South Siberia.

The horses on the post roads in southern and western Siberia and Russia are a very different species from the Yakoot animals. They are more like the horses of other civilized countries. Their special peculiarity is that the moment they see a hill rising before them they become almost wild with excitement and ambition, and dash at it full speed until the summit is reached or their strength is exhausted. The post drivers are also a wild set, and make farmers and other travelers give them a clear road. They turn out for nobody less than a government courier. Their heavy tarantasses (coaches) in summer and the still heavier covered sleds in winter give them all the advantage.

Nothing seems to delight them so much as a collision with the sled of a poor farmer, whose wife is on the way to market with a load of truck. You hear a yell that would scare an Indian, and a dim vision flashes past the little glass window in the door of your sled, of straw, backboards, bonnets, shoestrings and eggs, a muffled scream from a mouthful of snow, a few corrugated Russian oaths rumble up from the driver's beard, as if it were entirely somebody else's fault, and all is over You are safe in the weight of your sled, which is furthermore provided with heavy wooden bars on each side, about a foot above the ground, and sloping outward from the front to the rear of the sled, which serve as fenders, and prevent your cumbersome vehicle from overturning, which otherwise would be probable on its narrow gauged runners.—William H. Gilder, U. S. N., in The Outing.

Darwin's Boyish Credulity.

I must have been a very simple little fellow when I first went to the school. A boy of the name of Garnett took me into a cake shop one day and bought some cakes for which he did not pay, as the shopman trusted him. When we came out I asked him why he did not pay for them, and he instantly answered, "Why, do you not know that my uncle left a great sum of money to the town on condition that every tradesman should give whatever was wanted without payment to any one who wore his old hat and moved [it] in a particular manner?" and he then showed me how it was moved. He then went into another shop where he was trusted and asked for some small article, moving his hat in the proper manner, and, of course, obtained it without payment. When we came out he said: "Now, if you like to go by yourself into that cake shop" (how well I remember its exact position). "I will lend you my hat, and you can get whatever you want if you move the hat on your head properly" I gladly accepted the generous offer, and went in and asked for some cakes, moved the old hat, and was walking out of the shop, when the shopman made a rush at me, so I dropped the cakes and ran for dear life, and was astonished by being greeted by shouts of laughter by my false friend Garnett.—"Boyhood of Darwin," by himself, in Popular Science Monthly.

DAUGHTERS OF EVE.

A granddaughter of Charles Dickens does a flourishing business with a type writer.

The Empress Eugenie has recovered her health and now talks about a tour in the Holy Land

Miss Anna Dickinson, who has been ill for nearly a year, is slowly improving and will shortly go south.

Mrs. Mackay presented the new Countess Cairns, who is a Jewess by birth, a diamond and ruby aigrette brooch.

Queen Victoria, having been requested to write her name in a Bible specially printed for the colonies, and to add a verse from Scripture, selected the following: "On earth peace, good will toward men."

It is remembered of Jenny Lind that she disliked flattery. When the sculptor Durham made a bust of her she was greatly displeased with it. "I am," she said to him, "an ugly Swede and you have made me a beautiful Englishwoman.

A young woman of culture in London has set the fashion of wearing a black Portia gown, lined with crimson, to the theatres, and has gained several followers. She is now trying to lead off with a studded shirt front and white cravat.

Rose Elizabeth Cleveland has proved a most acceptable teacher of history. She is popular with her pupils at Mrs. Reed's boarding school in New York, and under her guidance they have become proficient in the historical studies undertaken.

In a Spanish newspaper, printed at Matanzas, Cuba, appears the following advertisement: "Photographs of the most beautiful woman in the world—Sra. Frances Folsom de Cleveland, the lady of the White House, the idol of 60,000,000 of people, the wife of the president of the United States. Call for the 'El Rayo Verde' cigarettes."

The wife of Don M. Dickinson, the new postmaster general, is a handsome woman—tall, with auburn hair, clear complexion and large dark eyes. She has always been very popular in Detroit, and has been a prominent figure in the social life of that city. She is extremely affable, and has both tact and dignity. She is considerably younger than her husband.

CREATION'S LOWER ORDERS.

The largest cow in Dakota is reported from Cass county She stands 6 feet high at the shoulders, and, though thin in flesh, weighs 1,800 pounds

The weather wise of Maine say that the recent capture of an immense Arctic owl near Fish Point presages an early winter. The bird measured 6 feet from tip to tip.

A handsome buck was recently shot near Rock Springs, Ky., which for the past ten years had been a target for the rifles of the hunters of the neighborhood. He weighed 175 pounds and his antlers were of unusual size.

In many portions of Idaho, Nevada and Wyoming the rabbits are so numerous that they are becoming almost as great a plague as in Australia. The proprietors of a large ranch are giving boys five cents apiece for killing them, and some of the boys earn as much as $5 each per day. The dead rabbits are fed to hogs to fatten them.

Levi Campbell, of Kingsbury, Me., set a bear trap and a bear got into it. He dragged the trap a good distance, until it was caught in a log. Then Levi came up and struck the bear with an axe. The animal turned suddenly, wrenched the trap loose, grabbed Levi, and was in a fair way to make an end of him when his dog pitched in and attracted the bear's attention until Levi could drag himself away.

Justice Jannasch, of Kalamazoo, Mich, has a parrot that he wouldn't sell for its weight in silver. On five different occasions has this intelligent bird saved the house from being burglarized. The last time was on a recent night. The burglar got the door unfastened, but when he opened it the parrot asked, in a stern and harsh voice: "Hello, there! What's the matter?" The burglar didn't answer, but fell over himself in his desperate effort to get away.

BRIGHT SAYINGS OF CHILDREN.

Boston Mamma—You mustn't speak of your legs, Flossie, when we have company. It isn't polite. Flossie—What should I say, mamma, drumsticks?—New York Sun.

Father—Come, Bobby, you are all tired out; so hurry off to bed. Bobby, with a slow and reluctant movement)—Pa, you oughtn't to tell a boy to hurry up when he's all tired out.—Philadelphia North American.

When little Meg saw a picture of Christian, with the burden on his back, she looked at it curiously for a minute and then asked: "Mamma, what makes the manny wear his bustle so high up on his back."—Boston Transcript.

A tiny nephew once heard his dearly beloved maiden aunt called an "old maid." The child's older brothers and sisters were telling "what they were going to be" one day soon afterward, and little precocity astonished everybody in the room by saying earnestly that he was going to be an "old maid like auntie, 'cause she made everybody dood."—Kingston Freeman.

A sturdy little chap, some 7 years old, had a tantrum one day last week, and his mother, in order to mark her displeasure and impress it upon him, left him by himself and went to her own room. He followed her as far as the door, and, after she had passed in, closed it somewhat emphatically. Then he went to his play. Half an hour later he returned, opened the door softly and looked in. His mother caught his eye and could not repress a smile. "There," he said, "I knew you'd get over it. Now you are my own dear mamma again."—Boston Herald.

Little Nellie, of West End, was in an avenue store yesterday with her mother, and she was greatly pleased with the Christmas array of dolls "Mamma," she said, "I want a baby." "Very well, Nellie," replied the mother, "you shall have one," and Nellie soon had one in her arms, but she was not satisfied and still hung about the doll display. Finally, half in fear and half in hope, she whispered: "Mamma, I'd like to have twins."—Washington Critic.

SENATORS AND EX-SENATORS.

John Sherman is said to be worth $1,500,000.

Senators Stanford, of California, and Stockbridge, of Michigan, turn over all their salaries to the clerks of their committees.

Senator Stewart, of Nevada, when in the senate before, was one of the most liberal entertainers in Washington. His fortune was much larger then than it is now, yet he spends money with the same freedom that characterized him then.

Ex-Senator Dorsey, Senator Windom and Jesse R. Grant are at the head of a great syndicate which has purchased the Moore-Benjamin iron mines in the Gogebic range, in Wisconsin. The price paid for the mines and surrounding lands was more than $2,000,000.

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GOVERNOR J. B. FORAKER.

HIS ANNUAL MESSAGE TO THE OHIO LEGISLATURE

He Calls Attention to the State's Financial Condition and Recommends a Revision of the Tax Laws—What He Says on the Tariff Question—Other Topics

COLUMBUS, O, Jan 3—Late yesterday afternoon Governor J B Foraker's message to the general assembly of Ohio was read in both branches of that body It is as follows

"EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
COLUMBUS, O January 2 1888 }

"To the General Assembly

"The years of 1887 and 1888 are important in the history of our state They are respectively the centennial anniversaries of the adoption of the ordinance of 1787 and the first settlement on Ohio soil The people have a just appreciation for these events and a disposition to suitably celebrate them Such celebrations, mentioning them in their chronological order, will be held during the year at Marietta Cincinnati and Columbus The last general assembly adopted resolutions recognizing and approving these occasions, and great preparations have been made to make them successful The exercises at Marietta will be of a social, religious historical, literary and commemorative character At Cincinnati and Columbus, in addition to such exercises they will have also an exposition of our growth and development during the century Our progress in morality, education agriculture, arts science literature, mechanics and manufactures will be fittingly and instructively portrayed It has been well said that 1888 is to be with us a year of jubilee It is proper, it should be No people have been more richly blessed nor have any made greater progress in the achievement of all that is calculated to promote human welfare It is becoming to show esteem for such exceptional favor The lessons so taught will inspire love and pride of country and thus more securely guarantee the preservation of our free institutions The state should, therefore, in every appropriate way, continue to sanction and encourage what is so to be done and thus aid to make the occasion worthy of the great events to which they relate and the high purposes they are intended to subserve

GRAND ARMY

"During the month of September next, the National encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at the city of Columbus This will bring together thousands of the survivors of the Union army It is quite in harmony that while we are celebrating the deeds of our fathers who gave us our form of government we should also have this representative assemblage of the veteran heroes who saved it They should be so welcomed and cared for as to gladden their hearts and at the same time teach the rising generation a just appreciation for the patriotism, heroism and valor which their presence will recall You can greatly and appropriately aid this work by authorizing the adjutant general to give them the use, while they are here, of the tents of the National guard They should be made comfortable and to feel at home in loyal Ohio

"From the soldiers who suppressed treason and rebellion in 1861 the mind naturally passes to the soldiers of the present The Ohio National Guard is composed of ten regiments and one battalion of infantry one regiment of thirty two pieces of artillery and one troop of cavalry They are well drilled and disciplined and officers and men alike are entitled to the highest credit for the promptness and efficiency with which they perform every duty imposed upon them No one can speak of them aught but words of praise"

The governor then briefly refers to the public institutions of the state and reports them all in good condition Of the penitentiary he says

"The penitentiary continues to be more than self sustaining, while the per capita cost of supporting the inmates of the other institutions has been largely reduced as compared with former years"

After referring separately to each one of the state institutions he recommends that mayors of cities should make all appointments, and should have the power to fill all its offices that are held by appointment He says that a change to this effect should be made in the laws providing for the different municipal boards which are now appointed by the governor

THE PAULDING COUNTY RESERVOIR

"The citizens of the locality in which it is situated, have become greatly dissatisfied with the presence there of the Six Mile reservoir in Paulding county They regard it as a nuisance, dangerous to health and calculated to retard and prevent the development of their section of the State They have been striving for some time to secure its abandonment They made an earnest but vain appeal to the late general assembly In Paulding county there is practically but one sentiment on this subject and that is so intense that during the summer on several occasions it took the form of an unlawful endeavor by the use of dynamite and otherwise to destroy this portion of the State's property Another appeal will no doubt be made to you to take action in regard to the matter The people who will make it are entitled to a hearing and a thorough investigation at your hands of the grievance about which they complain By reason of the abandonment by the State of Indiana of the Wabash and Erie canal and the interruption of its natural water supply by draining on the Indiana side of the state line this reservoir has been rendered of less importance than formerly

"It never was intended to be a part of our present system of canals or to have any relation to the same except as a part of the Wabash & Erie canal There have been two or three instances however in the past when it has been used to increase the supply of water in the Miami & Erie canal but it is not likely there will be any great need for it of this character in the future and should there be it could not be reliably depended upon because of its own limited and uncertain supply of water occasioned by the abandonment of the Wabash & Erie canal and the drainage of the territory on the Indiana side of the state line above referred to There will be but little further need for it hereafter on the eleven mile level between this reservoir and Junction City and the further fact that the timber on which it has been of late years almost exclusively dependent will soon be exhausted They think it will therefore shortly come to a time when all interests involved in the state and its citizens must prefer to have the cause of complaint which has existed removed

CANAL

"The canals are in better condition compared with late years and are improved and encouraging condition So far as cash receipts and expenditures are concerned they have been for some time a burden and expense to the state This has been largely due to the fact however that much doubt has arisen as to the policy to be pursued with respect to them In proportion as the idea has prevailed that they were to be abandoned the development of business upon them has been discouraged, and they have been neglected and allowed to fall into bad repair, while on the other hand the recent revival of a sentiment in favor of maintaining and improving them has had the opposite effect

FIRE INSURANCE STATISTICS

"The fire insurance statistics show there has been of late years a large increase of losses due to incendiarism How to remedy this evil has been a problem to which insurance men have given much consideration As a result they have concluded that it will be wise to provide by law for an official investigation of all fires by some designated officer in each locality The subject is of great importance and should receive careful consideration More would be said here in regard to it but for the fact that it is understood that representatives of the insurance business who are familiar with the subject and what is desired will present their views to you during your session

STATE FINANCES

In my last annual message this paragraph occurs The state auditor's report will advise you that the total receipts from all sources for the general revenue fund for the next year will amount to about $2,800,000 The probabilities are that on the fifteenth day of next February we will have anticipated this to the amount of about $500,000 and that at that time there will remain to be paid unexpended balances of the appropriations of this year about $200,000 In other words, the net revenues available for next year will not exceed $2,100,000 To the extent your appropriations exceed this sum it will be necessary to again anticipate next December the revenues of the following year less unexpended balances Should your appropriations for this year and the unexpended balances be $3,000,000 the amount they are estimated to be at the end of this year, the amount you would have to anticipate would be $900,000

This statement was made the basis for a recommendation that suitable provision be made to avoid the necessity of drawing upon next year's revenues to meet the obligations of this So such provision was made and the result has been what was then pointed out The receipts from all sources for the general revenue fund of this year will be about $2,800,000 Of this amount about $500,000 will have been expended prior to February 15 1888 leaving the net amount of $2,300,000 available for general purposes To the extent your appropriations from the general revenue fund may exceed this sum it will be necessary for you to make special provision or compel anticipation again of next year's revenue at the end of this The habit of anticipating revenues although authorized by law is a bad one that should be avoided We are able to meet all demands as they arise and each year should pay its own debts The falling behind of the state financially has been chiefly due to the fact that expenses have been necessarily and continually increasing, while our revenues have remained substantially the same And what has been true as to an increase of liabilities to be paid out of the general revenue fund has also been true as to the sinking fund The amount of the public debt payable out of it was for 1885, but $530,000 while for 1886 it was $375,000 and for 1887 $500,000 and for 1888 it will be $600,000 But for 1889 and for each year thereafter, the amount will be but $250,000 On this account and because of the reduction of interest the liabilities of the sinking fund for 1889 will not exceed the sum of about $400,000 But for the present year its receipts will be insufficient to pay its liabilities by the amount of about $100,000

"This will make it necessary to refund at least that amount of 4 per cent bonds maturing July 1, 1888 But inasmuch as you cannot pay in full the $600,000 maturing next July and must refund as to a part it is recommended that you pay only one half and that you refund the balance We are doing well enough when we are paying all our current expenses and discharging our bonded debt at the rate of $500,000 per annum By this means you will provide a surplus of about $200,000 for the sinking fund from this year's receipts, which can be applied to its liabilities for next year thus leaving but about $400,000 to be raised for that fund to meet all its liabilities for 1889 Two tenths of one mill will be a sufficient rate for this purpose I advise you to reduce the present rate of five tenths of one mill for the sinking fund to two tenths of one mill, and add the three tenths of one mill so taken from the sinking fund rate to the rate for the general revenue fund, and with strict economy thus almost if not quite provide for all demands If this course be not pursued, it will save the necessity of either borrowing or increasing the rate of taxation

REVISION OF OUR TAX LAWS

In former messages I have called attention at length to the necessity of a revision of our tax laws However just and perfect they may be in theory the fact remains patent to all that gross inequalities exist in the valuation of property for taxation and that personal property to the extent of hundreds of millions of dollars in value escapes taxation entirely The next decennial appraisement of real estate is now so near at hand that it is better perhaps to wait until then to correct the inequality in the taxation of realty But there should be no delay in providing for the taxation as heretofore recommended of foreign corporations on their gross receipts or in some equivalent way, the better listing of mortgages and other securities and the more equitable taxing of private banks

THE STATE INDEBTEDNESS

In my last annual message I called attention to the fact that the local indebtedness of the state had reached the enormous amount of more than $[illegible],000,000 It has now reached as shown by the auditor's [illegible] I renew the recommendation heretofore made that no county township or municipal corporation shall be allowed to create a general debt exceeding [illegible] per cent of the tax valuation of its real estate and that you provide that until those which may already be in excess of that limit get below it no further debt be allowed to be contracted until the present debt is reduced below the limit so fixed There is no one thing affecting the people of Ohio more important than that of taxation

STATE EXPENSES

The expenses of our state government necessarily increase each year in correspondence with the growth of population and general development And every year it becomes therefore of greater importance to protect and wisely use our revenues so as to accomplish the best results with the least expenditure I therefore repeat the recommendation made in my last annual message that a probably more sensible [illegible] by an independent commission authorized by you to give special and intelligent attention to the subject Should a commission be appointed to investigate the affairs of the state it should [illegible]

TREASURY DEFALCATIONS

During the year a number of county, township and municipal treasurers have defaulted in the aggregate of thousands of dollars of the public funds placed in their hands by the tax payers Among the chief defaulters are the treasurers of [illegible] and [illegible] counties In almost every instance where such defalcations have occurred, they have been due to the habit, on the part of the treasurer of accommodating friends with loans of money from the public funds or making use of them in business and speculative transactions on his own account It is not necessary to say such practices should be stopped It is hard enough for the people to pay their taxes once It is both unduly burdensome and exasperating to have them thus frittered away and be compelled to pay a second time These losses might be largely prevented if the treasuries of the counties townships and municipal corporations were subject to examination by an expert accountant duly appointed for that purpose who might at his option, and on his own motion make an investigation of such public funds etc whenever he might see fit to do so The present right of examination conferred upon the auditor of state is practically of no value to prevent the irregularities that lead to such defalcations since it cannot be exercised except under circumstances that put the delinquents fully on their guard and enable them to thwart the purposes of the provision

DOW LAW

The last general assembly enacted a statute popularly known as the Dow law for the regulation and taxation of the liquor traffic The object of this legislation was the better protection of society from the evils of intemperance and to compel the traffic in furtherance of this purpose, to share the burdens of government Its most important features are generally those of taxation and local option prohibition To the extent the local option feature is applicable it gives to each community the privilege of dealing with it as it may desire It is a practical measure virtually enforcing itself so far as taxation is concerned and capable of enforcement where made applicable as a prohibitory law since in all such cases there must be the requisite public sentiment It is based upon the idea of local self government and is therefore in harmony with the spirit of our institutions The results wrought by it are sufficiently salutary to vindicate its character It has never been claimed however by even its most ardent friends, that it was perfect in all its provisions It was simply the best legislation of its kind that could be had when it was enacted As time and experience indicate defects they should be remedied in order that the law may be strengthened and upheld

TARIFF

My last annual message commenced with the following paragraph "The recent elections did much to dispel the distrust that has obtained throughout the country during the last two years as to the policy to be pursued by our national government in regard to the protection of American labor and industries It can now be stated with great confidence that no political party will be allowed however much it may desire to do so to break down that wise and patriotic policy to which we are so much indebted for the unexampled prosperity we have enjoyed during the last quarter of a century The assurance thus afforded is already beneficially manifesting itself throughout all our business interests With a complete restoration of confidence in this regard there will be a full return of that commercial and industrial activity which will bring the rich blessings of just rewards and happy contentment to all classes of our people This is just cause of congratulation for all"

"It was then generally supposed that we had heard the last of free trade, at least for a time but not so The recent message of the president of the United States commits his administration and the party he represents to the most unqualified and hostile opposition to the entire principle and policy of a protective tariff He seeks to make it appear that the blow he would strike is aimed only at the manufacturing and wool growing interests of the country but it is manifest to all men of intelligence who are acquainted with our conditions that if his propositions prevail the consequences will be disastrous to every industry and every section of our country, and to no class more surely than our farmers, who must rely chiefly on our home markets for the sale of their products and our laboring people who depend upon a continuance of that general prosperity that has obtained for the last quarter of a century for employment at remunerative wages But it should be particularly noted by you that it is deliberately proposed to practically sacrifice altogether the wool growing interest of the country by removing from it all protection whatever

OHIO'S WOOL INTERESTS

Ohio ranks first of all the states of the union in sheep husbandry In 1883 we had 5,099,920 sheep valued at $13,249,116 The reduction of the tariff on wool by the act of that year has already produced to the wool growers of this state the disastrous consequences shown by the following table

	Number of sheep	Value
1883	5,099,920	13,249,116
1884	[illegible]	11,940,720
1885	[illegible]	9,315,919
1886	[illegible]	8,888,449
1887	[illegible]	8,805,160
Total decline since 1883	[illegible]	[illegible]

But it is not until it is remembered that not only has there been this decrease in the number of sheep and their value, but that there has also been a decline in the value of the wool produced of about fourteen cents per pound that the full extent of this calamity to our wool growers is perceived and appreciated Our annual clip is not only about six million pounds less than it was in 1883, but the twenty five million pounds now produced bring to the owners of our flocks each year more than $[illegible] less money than formerly To put wool on the free list is proposed and thus put our wool growers in competition with the free grass and cheap labor of foreign wool growing countries, is to unjustly discriminate against an honorable industrious and patriotic class of people and to utterly destroy one of the most important industries of the country an industry in fact without which no country can be independent The effect would fall with particular severity upon this state since it would not only destroy the wool industry but also injuriously affect every other

While therefore you have no power to legislate with respect to National affairs yet it should be remembered that in your representative capacity you have an influence which you should not fail to use for the good of the people you represent by adopting resolutions of protest against such unwise unjust and unpatriotic propositions You have also the right and you should exercise it of requesting our representatives in congress to oppose all such measures that may be offered Other and better ways can be provided for disposing of the surplus revenue than by breaking down our home industry and exposing our labor to foreign competition All therefore who think more of this country than they do of any other and all who appreciate the great blessings we have enjoyed in consequence of the protective tariff policy which has been pursued for the last twenty five years should stand firmly together in its support and not only should we continue to protect and develop every industry that is essential to our greatness and independence but we should afford direct protection to our labor by effectually discriminating against every kind of socialistic, criminal or disreputable character who may seek to immigrate to our shores Next after our obligations to God it is our highest duty to take care of America

Respectfully submitted,

"J B FORAKER, governor"

THE PERCHERON HORSE.

WHAT AN ENTHUSIASTIC UNITED STATES SENATOR SAYS OF HIM

What Is Said of the Percheron Horse's Origin—Horses Used in Paris—Characteristics of the Percheron—Treatment of the Horse

Senator Palmer, of Michigan, is an enthusiast on the Percheron horse, and quite a romance is connected with his love for it The first Percherons he ever saw were painted ones, and they formed a part of Rosa Bonheur's noted picture, "The Horse Fair" which was hanging in Mrs A T Stewart's picture gallery at the time He was so well pleased with them that he investigated their character and went personally to France to pick out one for his farm He has now sixty of these animals, ranging in value from $1,000 to $5,000 each and he is the president of the Percheron Horse society of the United States While in France last year he made a speech to the Percheron Horse Breeders' society of France and he thinks that this horse is the best breed in the world for general purposes

It is said he "the horse for the farmer He can take it from the lumber wagon and use it in his carriage, and I have been told of instances where Percheron horses weighing 1,700 pounds have gone a mile in three minutes They are, you know a distinct type and are supposed to have originated by a cross of the Arabian horse upon the heavy horse of Normandy They came from La Perche, a province about sixty miles square, in Normandy Here the breed has attained its greatest perfection, and it is here that the horse gets its name How the Arabian got into France I do not know, but I suppose it came there either through the Saracens when they were whipped by Charles Martel at Tours or it may be that the Counts of Nogent de la Rotrou brought them back from Palestine during the Crusades But there is no doubt that the Arab blood is there, and in modern times, after excellence and identity of type had been recognized this blood was re enforced from time to time from the royal and national stables of France

"The horses have been noted for years in France as good draft horses, and they were about ten years ago, in general use in Paris as omnibus horses At that time a team of them would take one of those heavy buses, with seats both inside and on the roof and filled with passengers, and drag it along at the rate of eight miles an hour over the asphalt During my trip to Paris last spring I noticed a decided deterioration in the character of the horses so used, and I found that the Percherons had been replaced by others Upon inquiry I was told that the great demand for the Percheron horse in America had risen the price from $300 to from $400 to $1,000, thus making them too expensive for omnibus use The horses now used in Paris omnibuses are the Boulonais, the Belgians and other heavy horses of Normandy and Flanders which have no infiltration of thoroughbred blood

"As to Percherons there are millions of dollars already invested in the United States and there is a gentleman named Dunham who has made a fortune out of them He might be called the Percheron horse king He has had as many as 500 Percherons on his farm at one time His house on his farm at Wayne, forty miles from Chicago is equal to Abbottsford in its appointments It is hung with old tapestry, and has many studies of Rosa Bonheur A great friendship exists between Rosa Bonheur and Mr Dunham and he lately got an Apache pony for her at her request and shipped it across the water for use in one of her paintings"

"Tell me something of the characteristics of the Percheron horse"

"The horses are generally of a dapple gray though they may be black, and now and then are bay or chestnut They are a heavy horse, weighing 1,600 pounds and upward They have a fine action, a fine skin fine coats, great strength and great endurance for work and travel They are noted for their docility and tractableness, and may be said to be born broken to the harness I harnessed a team of them for the first time one morning at 8 o'clock At 9 they were drawing a plow as well as a well broken team, and were only a little awkward They plowed in the field all day only being rested now and then that their shoulders might not get sore The next day my farmer drove them into the city of Detroit, and though they had never seen a crowd of people an electric car a street car or steam car, or the innumerable objects displayed in a business city, they showed no fear—only a kind of laudable curiosity They would smell of a steam engine, and while I was blowing up stumps with dynamite this summer they stood by and watched the pieces blown up into the air without more than raising their eyes at the sound I attribute this fact to their remarkable intelligence in the first place, and again to the fact that these horses had never heard a cross word or been struck

TREATMENT OF HORSES

"What is your theory for the treatment of horses How should they be managed?"

"A horse should be treated just as you would a man or a boy My carriage horses fared better at the hands of an old Englishman who knew nothing about a horse than with any other driver I have ever had When this man asked me how he should treat them he was told to treat them just as he did himself, only a little better He was methodical in his ways, and he always fed the horses before he fed himself In warm weather he watered them whenever he got the chance and in winter three times a day Inasmuch as the horses could not scratch themselves, he gave them a good brushing every morning and it is my rule in driving a horse that whenever I feel that I want a drink myself I also feel that the horse may be suffering in the same direction

The Percheron horse Senator Palmer went on has great powers of endurance He has a fine knee action, and he is so full of intelligence that men treat him better than they do a duller horse He has good wind and has all the nimbleness and speed of the English coach horse Last year more than $5,000,000 worth of these horses were imported and I believe that they are going to prevail as the American draft horse"

I paid a visit to Senator Palmer's farm, near Detroit last summer It contains 637 acres and the improvements upon it have cost the senator over $100,000 He has nine miles of drives through its woods eighty miles of underdraining and a miniature lake which was dug by hand and which is kept full of water by a steam engine He has a log cabin which cost $5,000 and his animal hobbies are Percheron horses Jersey cows and Llewellyn spaniels His horses are named after the Presidents of France —Frank G. Carpenter in New York World

FARMING IN JAPAN.

What Chicago's Distinguished Ex-Mayor Has Seen Among Almond Eyed People

Carter Harrison, the distinguished ex mayor of Chicago, is traveling in the east and writing letters to one of his home papers He has been studying Japanese farming and tells what he knows about it He says everything there is carried on on a very small scale, and with such wonderful niceness that it is difficult to realize that farming is the business of a life and a very earnest and hard one at that There are no barns or outhouses in which to store crops There are no farm houses The people live in villages or in towns Some of the farms are not even one acre in size, and very few contain more than ten acres

The notable feature of these Japanese farms is the irrigating ditch A farm of two or three acres usually has half a dozen levels, and the water that irrigates one field runs down to irrigate another The farms have the appearance of American market gardens The soil is dry and thoroughly prepared The plow is used only for throwing up the beds, and all the digging is done with spadelike hoes and forks No weeds whatever are allowed to grow in the little fields, and every foot of ground is utilized

The Japanese farmer takes every advantage of the season and practices true economy One crop succeeds another with unvarying regularity, and the benefits of rotation are thoroughly understood and realized While one crop is ripening another one is planted between the rows, and this practice is carried on even in the tea plantations When the tea plants are small turnips and other crops are planted between the rows as soon as the July plucking is completed

The management of the Japanese farmers is so thoroughly scientific that lands which have been in cultivation for centuries continue to produce marvelously large crops It is said that Buddhism has discouraged the growth of animals within the limits of the empire and as a result, there are not 2,000,000 or horned cattle in the country, though the grasses on the hills would feed millions The acorns and nuts in the forests would feed millions of hogs but there are no hogs in Japan "There are no starvelings in Japan," Mr Harrison declares "The children are as fat and jolly as little curly tailed pigs, the young lads and girls give no evidence of not having enough to eat They are all rounded in form and lithe in action, and the men and boys are capable of enduring active labor and fatigue as few others can do They are possibly not as muscular as our meat eating men, but not a day passes that I do not see some man whose muscular development is a source of admiration, and others whose powers of endurance are simply marvelous —Atlanta Constitution

The "Extended" Book Man

After considering a few of the bibliomaniacs who are to be found in the city, it is worth while to dwell upon another hobby which has the most followers and which is for the most interesting of all The "Grangerite" is the pet name by which the "extended" book man is known He is looked upon as a vampire by the religious old book collector who loves books for their text He is a vandal, a destroyer of books, a dangerous man to the libraries He leaves his finger marks on some of the most valuable works at the Mercantile and Public School libraries, he is a terror to private libraries, he is at every sale, and after buying a book he wants guts it of its contents to tear out perhaps one page that he wants He is insatiable and peculiar, to say the least, in his methods It is easy to see why extending a book is fascinating, for it is simple and illimitable It is a growing craze, and there are numbers of grangerites in St Louis

To extend a book means illustrating or embellishing without the aid of some artist, by placing between the pages of a book pictures of objects therein described, portraits of the author and personages mentioned in the text, and illustrations of subjects referred to This may sound simple enough at first reading, but in reality the task gives a collector a life work and may cost a fortune There are works originally of 100 pages which have thus been extended to 4,000 pages Sir William Hazlett's book, "The Spirit of the Age," which consists of sketches of authors of his time—Scott, Southey, Coleridge and others—has been illustrated by portraits of these men, of characters in their works, their birthplace, and in fact a complete pictorial life of each —Globe Democrat

A Prophecy of Evil.

Germany is now discussing the authenticity of a prophecy attributed to a friar in a Bavarian convent, who lived in the Seventeenth century, as it completely foreshadowed the strange complication of evils with which Germany is now threatened The effect of the prophecy is alleged to be that a Hohenzollern prince would unite all the German states under one crown, that he would live to be 90 that he would be predeceased by his son and that the successor to the throne would have the use of but one hand According to his prophecy the emperor would have still five years to live, and the doctors say it is possible the crown prince may live for four As to the rest, Prince William has had a shriveled arm from his birth It is said that documentary proof of this remarkable vaticination can be produced but it is not stated that any one has seen it —New York Tribune

A Collection of Pens

A man in Denver named Lyon has a collection of over 700 pens no two alike Some are of steel some gold, some animal gum and so on There are pens pointed fine enough to make lines of microscopic delicacy and others intended for men who use the first personal pronoun as great deal in their correspondence There are of the "stub" variety and make a mark, when required, such as a tar brush would The collection embraces specimens from England, Ireland, Scotland Germany and other European countries besides America and Canada Some are in shape like shovels others resemble a section of stovepipe and others are delicate and diminutive —Chicago News

His Life a Bore

The Duke of Sutherland laments that he has never been able to discover what is best to do in life He has by turns tried his hand at the improvement on a grand scale of his vast estate at the improvement of Egypt at denunciation of Mr Gladstone it being a firman, at yachting, and even at the wild dissipation of an American tour without the duchess, but has to own that life throughout to him is a bore —Chicago Herald

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Many engineers will not drive an even numbered locomotive, so strong is the superstition against them

Cabling Money to Europe

It has gotten to be a common thing for small sums of money to be transferred by cable between New York and London A $20 order may be flashed under the Atlantic from New York in ample time to serve as a shopping fund in London the same afternoon And the transfer is cheaper and easier now, not to say doubly more speedy, than it was a few years ago to send ten times the amount Few people realize how closely the great cities of the world are connected by chained lightning and how cosmopolitan civilized humanity has become The telegraph companies do this sort of banking business by wire every day between the cities of America But it won't send $1 nor $1,000 at any price across the ocean Banks will cable money in large amounts or for valued customers, but only at a cost prohibitive to modern pocketbooks The great banking houses will not transfer a smaller sum than £10 and then only at the rate of $5 per pound sterling, irrespective of current rates of exchange After adding the cable tolls the operation becomes impracticable But it remains a fact that much smaller sums are cabled across the pond daily and weekly and monthly without difficulty by people who know how to do it

English theatrical people playing engagements in New York, or anywhere in the United States, constantly sent a regular percentage of their salaries to friends or agents in the old country for domestic use or investment Constantly on the go and accustomed to the use of telegraphing for every day purposes, the slow process of transmission by mail soon became irksome to them They founded the system of cabling money to the other side and it has already grown to a most interesting proportion They do it through their steamship agency —Philadelphia Press

Apprentice in the Social School

The awkward undergraduate, who has come from a farm and struggled manfully for years to gain an education, who is popular among his fellows, has mastered science and languages and been crowned victor on commencement day, finds all his triumphs turn to ashes on his lips when he enters a parlor filled with young women

They know each other, they are at their ease together but he is outside He is in terror lest he shall say or do something contrary to those trifling rules of etiquette of which he is ignorant but which they have known since their childhood

Sometimes this dread leads him to assume an air of haughty reserve, or he tries to hide his diffidence under a familiar swagger Both these pretenses are useless and vulgar and make him aggressively disagreeable as well as awkward

In this as in every difficulty in life, it is best for him to face the truth He does labor under a real disadvantage No matter what his acquirements or moral worth, if he does not know how to manage his hands and feet, to use his forks and glasses at dinner, to modulate his voice and control his eyes, well bred people will be prejudiced against him

Close and quick observation will soon teach him these trivial rules In the meantime let him be content to keep in the background If an apprentice in the social school be quiet, gentle and sincere in his manner, and a good listener, very few people will notice how he breaks his bread or uses his napkin —Youth's Companion

Derby Hats a Nuisance

"I wish you'd tell me of anything in the world," said the young man that boards on South Division street, "that is worse than the stiff brimmed hats worn by the men of this generation

"What fault have you to find with the stiff hat?" asked the Arounder

"Well, there is one fault that outvillainies all the rest, and that is the difficulty a fellow with a stiff brimmed hat on encounters in trying to kiss a girl You make a sally, and when within two inches of the goal your hat brim strikes Clarissa on the forehead and stops you Nine times out of ten your hat is knocked off and falls on the porch with a great racket, which makes you ridiculous A fellow that has been caught so once or twice always takes care to set his hat on the back of his head before trying to kiss a girl, and then he has some chance When a girl sees her companion push his hat to the back of his head she needs to be on her guard He is bent on mischief "—Buffalo Courier

Character in the Ears

I have often felt, too that something of a man's nature could be determined by his ears—their shape and their hang, if I may put it that way I have noticed that wide, heavy jawed and stolid criminals and even men of intelligence of this make up, have small ears which lie close to their heads These must me not to be trifled with, and they only appreciate the pressure of force or of mind when they feel it The lantern jawed and flappy eared are easily read and handled The most desperate criminals whether of the higher or lower order are of the former class, while the petty thieves and men of light mental caliber are generally of the flappy eared genus I think too that something can be told of a person's nature by his gait in walking I do know that much can be determined by the carriage of the head just the same as the jockey or horse fancier tells the nature and spirit of a horse by head poise —Inspector Byrnes in New York World

Comfort at a Picnic

A communication from the office of the mayor of Selma, Ala, contained the inquiry "Does a bald headed short legged fat man ever take any real comfort going to a picnic?"

"He nebber, nebber does," solemnly answered Brother Gardner "He sometimes thinks he does but he am mistaken De only pusson who gits any real enjoyment outen a picnic am de babies who miss de usual forenoon spankin at home an' de tall thin man who hez bin hungry fur de previous three weeks. —Detroit Free Press

A Queer English Habit.

Omaha Girl—So you met Ellen Terry's daughter? Did you like her?

New York Girl—Yes, but she's awfully English you know

I suppose so

"Yes, she never opens her mouth unless she has something to say —Omaha World

A Wagon with a Sail

A Dakota genius has invented a three cornered or flying jib sail which he attaches to an ordinary light wagon in such a way as to catch the wind sending the vehicle over the streets or the prairies at the rate of ten or twelve miles an hour — New York Tribune

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A Russian miser learned to bark in order to avoid the expense of keeping a watch dog

LIGHT AND AIRY.

Gum Yam.

Chew, chew chew,
Oh maiden fancy free!
And I would that my tongue could utter
The thoughts that arise in me

With a gluck gluck, gluck,
Go thy jaws which never are still,
And oh, the sight of thy cavernous mouth,
And oh my tolu bill!

Tis well for the youth who dreams
At night of thy beauty and grace,
That he sees thee not with thy quid of gum,
Distorting thy fair young face

The car rumbles down the street,
So nowhere its rumble will cease
But oh, for the sight of a jaw at rest
And a mouth forever at peace

—Chicago News.

A Careful Diagnosis

Noted Physician—No, I was not out long I only made two calls

Wife—Where did you go?

"First, I went to see our eminent German townsman, Mr Schmaufootz, the millionaire sausage manufacturer He has symptoms of hay fever and may require a long course of treatment"

"Who was the other patient?"

Old Schnofut, the little Dutch grocer"

"Anything serious?"

"No nothing but a cold in the head"— Omaha World,

Timely Wisdom

They strolled along through the wood together,
A manly youth and a maiden fair
Gathering leaves in the autumn weather
Tinted with colors most rich and rare

He said You are much like the autumn leaves,
With your cheeks of red and your hair of gold,
And you heart the frost that the leaf receives
For signs are seen—for your heart is cold"

The maiden answered It may be so
You've known me long and perhaps know best,
But the frozen leaf soon thaws you know
After 'tis gathered and properly pressed"

—Boston Courier

Nothing New

Chicago Girl (on a train)—I see you have a Chicago paper Is there anything of interest in it?

Strange Lady—I have not read it yet I see here an article headed "More Talent for Chicago"

I heard about that"

"Ah!

Yes pa said yesterday he was tired of strikes and had sent for 200 non union butchers"—Omaha World

Well Deserved

I hold that man as great and wise
Who never to the world has said
"Ah me! the summer days are fled"
Likewise the man I prize I vere
Who never speaks about the sere
And yellow autumn leaves now dead
Him I adore above all the rest
Who never mentions Robin's nest
When golden sun sinks in the west
A pension I would quick declare
To one who'd rise and solemn swear
Never to hail me with Ah there!

—Tid Bits

Another Reason Why

Johnnie—When are you going fishing again?

Jimmie—I've quit fishing

Johnnie—Why?

Jimmie—I didn't like the kind I caught last Sunday

Johnnie—What kind did you catch?

Jimmie—Birch —Omaha World

The Model Husband

No healthlift in his house has he
No patent substitute for rowing
No clubs to swing, nor any thing
Like that to keep his muscles growing

He saws and splits the kindling wood
To sift the ashes early rises
Brings up the coal the noble soul
And in this way he exercises

—Boston Courier

Tracing His Ancestry

Boston Young Man (in Chicago)—Yes, I am naturally proud of my ancestry, Miss Breezy Some of my ancestors came over in the Mayflower, you know

Miss Breezy (very much interested)—Oh, did they, indeed? Why, I saw the Mayflower when I was in New York last year —The Epoch

Expiation

The ranger who took in a cheque
On a bank that had all gone to wreque
Was so whelmed with chagrin
That his barn he went in
And he hung himself up by the necque

—Yonkers Gazette

A Strange Question

"Who was the young man here last night?" asked a K street father of his only daughter

"Why papa, that was my accepted lover"

"Your lover, child? Why, I never saw him before! What does he do?"

"Do, papa! Do!" she replied in amazement "He doesn't do anything, he has a government position —Washington Critic.

A Washington Idyl

Leaf by leaf the roses fall
Drop by drop the rain comes down
One by one with gripsacks small,
Congressmen arrive in town

—Washington Critic

Boiled Down.

He (complacently)—Yes, that is a composite picture of my college class

She—Indeed! How very interesting, and how much it looks like Guiteau — New York Sun

He Will.

The midnight serenader's come,
His ballad wild to tame,
And though old boots around him hum,
He'll guitar just the same

—Cleveland Sun

A Hint to Travelers in Texas

Train robber (on Texas express)—Shell out now, quick

Passenger—All my money is in this satchel.

"Open it"

"Look"

"All in silver dollars! Keep it We ain't no draymen"—Omaha World

Drear November

The days grow short the nights grow long
The snow king sends his flake
No more we hear the wood thrush sing
Nor peanut on the lake

—Duluth Paragraph

Amateur Marketing

Young Housekeeper (to fish dealer)—What kind of fish have you this morning?

Fish Dealer—How would you like some nice striped bass mum?

Y. H. (haughtingly)—No, I think I would prefer something in a small check —Tid Bits.

Everything Goes

First Burglar—What'll I do with this burglar alarm Bill? take it along?

Second Burglar—Yes, slip it in the bag We can get something for it.—New York Sun

A Hollow Mockery.

Mistress (arranging for dinner)—Didn't the macaroni come from the grocer's, Bridget?

Bridget—Yes, mum, but ot sint it back. Every wan av thim stims was empty —New York Sun.

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ROGER LAROQUE.

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CHAPTER XV

Raymond returned to Meridon farm His mother did not need to question him, she had noticed the traces of sorrow and trouble on his mobile face on his departure, she saw joy and hope when he returned

"Something pleasant has happened, my son?"

He smiled, but only said

"I can tell you nothing, mother—yet"——

"Well?"

"I am happy and wish you to share my joy"

"And her refusal?"

"Was not on her own account There was an obstacle between us"

"How many mysteries! and the obstacle has ceased to exist?"

"No"

"And your marriage?"

"Soon, I hope It depends on certain things, which I am not at liberty to tell, but I hope soon"

"Pray God you have your wish, my dear boy I ask no more to render my own happiness complete," said this mother, who was so blind Afterwards they both remembered this wish Her face cleared and she grew quite cheerful in the knowledge that her favorite son was to be happy Not one commiserating thought did she bestow upon her elder son, whose heart lay like lead in his bosom, and who had no idea that Raymond was his successful rival

From the day he saw Suzanne last Raymond had but one desire and one preoccupation, and that was to discover the mystery in the affair concerning her father

At Paris, at police headquarters, he found no difficulty in getting all the facts he desired The Laroque affair was not forgotten, and with the exception of Henriette and Lucien all those who had been especially interested in it were still alive, and he thought he could easily find them

The days passed in a minute reconstruction and copy of all the testimony, and, though he could not see his way clear to prove it, he saw clearly how justice had followed up Roger Laroque upon a preconceived theory of his guilt given by M Lecroix, and thus they had never made any movement toward the discovery of the real criminal He studied the testimony of Suzanne and her mother, of Roger and Victoria, and noticed that not one of them varied He did not wonder that an innocent man was tried and condemned on such evidence, indeed, he wondered more how he was not sentenced to death

One mystery appeared in all Roger's answers Had Lucien penetrated it? Perhaps he had Was it not possible that among the papers relating to this affair might be found some mention of it? At any rate he could look In a large closet at Meridon farm there was an immense quantity of paper, books and briefs, which had belonged to his father, and he was quite certain that he should find them undisturbed, with the accumulated dust of all these years upon them

This would have been a painful task, to open and search all these traces of his brilliant father's ambitious talent, under other circumstances Now it seemed a pious labor, and as he worked among them he thought with regret of that honorable, loyal life so nobly spent and lost

Until evening he worked without finding anything, then he at last came upon the notes which bore upon the assassination of Larouette Little by little he found the papers which made up the file and finally he found the notes and most of the final speech which Lucien had given He read it with a heart beating high with conflicting emotions and with tears standing in his eyes The eloquent passages fairly spoke even now, with the dust of ago upon them At nearly every page Raymond found a few words as marginal notes, such as "What is this mystery of the money?" "What infernal part has this woman played in Roger's life, that he will not confess?" "I see a woman's hand in this," and "Who is this woman?"

"My father was not deceived," said Raymond "There was a woman, but who is she?"

At last the desk in the closet was empty, and there remained but few papers This desk had belonged to Julia, but in removal to the farm it had been placed in here and all the other papers with and upon it As there were still apparently two or three leaves of the brief missing, Raymond took hold of some papers and they seemed caught With his penknife he tried to loosen them and in so doing he touched a spring somewhere and a narrow secret drawer flew open, and in it was a photograph of a handsome, noble looking man

The photograph was clean and in every other way in good condition, except that where the heart of the man would be was a cut clear through the paper, as though done with some sharp instrument Idly turning it in his hand, Raymond saw written on the back, in his mother's delicate but peculiar handwriting, the following dates

"The 28th of July 1872 at 11 30 p m

"The 30th of July, 1872

"The 14th of August 1872"

What was this? Why these three dates behind the picture of this unknown in his mother's writing and besides who was this man? He felt that he had seen him somewhere

Finally, a prey to a vague uneasiness, Raymond placed the photograph in his pocket and went out of the house He walked, he ran, he threw himself on the ground, but wherever he went he was haunted by that face in the picture, and also those dates in his mother's writing He looked again and with a groan of agony hid the face, then again he looked, this time as one faces a forlorn hope, and doubt was no longer possible, this was, without even one sole little possibility of doubt, Roger Laroque who was before this awful accusation fell upon him To be sure, the hair and beard were dark, the face was young and care free, and that awful disfiguring scar had not destroyed the symmetry of the left side of his face, but the same great dark eyes, high forehead and general cast of features were there William Ferney of today and Roger Laroque of old were one. Then why these three dates in his mother's writing? She must have known Laroque well but why had she never mentioned his name? All the afternoon and until late he remained in the woods, entering at night somber and silent

"What is the matter with you, my boy? Are you ill?"

"No, only my head aches a little from fumbling over these dusty papers"

As soon as dinner was over when he ate next to nothing, he went at once to his room And then he again examined the photograph, and the more he studied it the more certain he grew. Doubt was impossible A suspicion came into his mind which gave him a mortal chill If I knew that there was a woman mixed [illegible] terribly up in that crime he searched for traces of her, and the first one he found led him straight to his own mother!

This thought kept him awake almost the whole night, and the first light of the morning found him up and ready to take the train for Paris, where he had business to transact during the day Before leaving he was alone a few minutes with his mother, who said

"Do you feel better today, my son? Are you quite well?"

"Yes, I slept well all night

"I thought I heard you up very early"

"I have for a long time wanted to put my father's papers in order you know how they were thrown into the closet and your desk That reminds me I found a photograph among those papers with three dates written across the back, by you if I am not mistaken"

And he handed her Roger Laroque's photograph The effect was stunning Pale as death itself Julia had hardly time to reach a chair before she sank down without strength to move At the first glance she had known Roger's face, and the card fell unheeded to the floor, and she looked at Raymond more like a hunted animal than a human being In vain she tried to regain her coolness and surmount the horror which this sudden return of a ghost of the awful past rose up before her Her horror her fear and the nervous shock were too much, and she abandoned herself completely to her emotion

"Mother! mother!" cried Raymond, not less agitated than she His terrible suspicions returned more pressing, more convincing It seemed to him as if the heavens were crumbling about him and there was no solid foundation to the earth There was but a boundless and bottomless space about him, where were engulfed all his beliefs, his hopes and his plans And his mother said no word He had reached a stage where he would have even welcomed a transparent lie, so much he wanted to be reassured At last she understood what was passing in her best loved son's soul, and she tried to smile

"This heat has overcome me"

He went and opened the windows, letting in the cool breath of morning, which seemed to relieve her a little

"What were you saying just now about a photograph?"

He picked it up and gave it to her This time she looked at it and said

"Oh, yes How could this have got lost there? It is that of an old friend of our family who married a cousin of mine Those dates Yes, they were his marriage, the accidental death of his bride in two days and of his having become insane about two weeks later He died soon after, too, I believe"

Raymond breathed again This seemed a reasonable story, and if it were a true one all his suspicions fell to the ground He took the photograph from her hand, which still trembled, and placed it in an album As he did so, he remarked

"It is curious that the picture seems to be pierced by a knife there by the side of the heart. Do you notice it?"

"It has likely been pushed against a nail in moving" said she

When Raymond had gone, Julia sat for hours with her eyes fixed upon the album The portrait seemed to draw her invincibly, and at last she rose and, apparently thinking with its destruction she could chase away the ghostly thoughts that crowded in her mind, she removed it and burned it to cinders, which she scattered to the four winds

Fifteen days later Raymond returned to Meridon, and almost his first movement was to look in the album The photograph was gone

"Why," said he surprised, "it is not there"

"What, my son?"

"The photograph

"Ah, yes It awoke sad remembrances, so I burned it"

Raymond felt his doubts and fears return

CHAPTER XVI

Some days after this scene Raymond went to the White House He would not have gone had it not been for the horrible fear which possessed him He wanted to know the truth Laroque had been for some weeks in Paris, on what errand we shall soon know Suzanne was alone except for her domestics, and she soon remarked his pallor and drawn features

What has happened? Have you any trouble?" asked she, when the first greetings were over

"No I am perplexed, and need an indication which I hope you might be able to furnish me"

"What is it?

"Have you for instance, an old photograph of your father, taken before this trial? Of course, I scarcely expect that I can succeed, but if I could, it would assist me very much in my search"

"I have one My uncle chose from our album, when my father took me away to America, a picture of both my father and mother, and I had a locket in which I hid my father's picture behind that of my mother If you will wait a moment I will bring it"

One look only did Raymond give it, and he knew that the photograph which his mother had burned was that of Roger Laroque And why had she written those three dates that were so fatal to Roger? It was a mystery he shrank from penetrating

Suzanne could use all her pretty girlish arts, but Raymond could only respond by a forced smile now It was as if he was in torment, and much as he loved her, he only wanted to fly, to hide in some inky pit so foul and awful that nothing could ever come there to unearth his shame and he tried with white lips that could hardly frame words to excuse himself that he might be alone

After the silent, uncomfortable dinner, where each one of the three was absorbed in dismal reflections, Raymond followed his mother to her room while Pierre went out and when there he said

"I don't know why but the sad story of that poor young man of the photograph haunts me To almost realize his hopes and then see them snatched away, I think he did well to die"

"Why do you say this in such a tone, Raymond?"

"What did you say his name was?" said Raymond without answering his mother's question

"Ah—Jean De Noirville He was a distant relation of your father's, and he married a young girl named Claire Verbun but they are both dead"

Raymond remained silent, mentally comparing this story with the one told him weeks ago He almost laughed at the absurdity of it, and she thought he believed it

"In putting my father's papers in order I found his last speech and in several places I found the name of Roger Laroque It seems that I can remember dimly of seeing such a man or of hearing you mention him Did you ever know him?

"Yes" said she, faintly "He—he was a great friend of your father's and saved his life in the war but I think you never saw him as you were away at school during the time when he was often here"

"And I fancied that photograph to be his particularly on account of those three dates which were so fatal to him

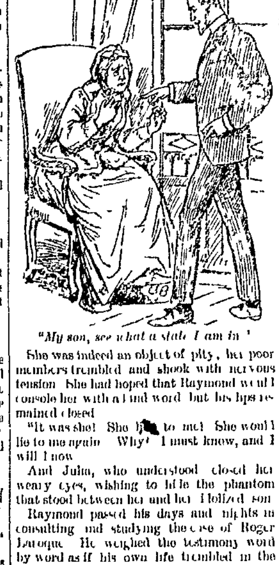
"It was a simple coincidence"

"Are you sure, mother, that that is not a portrait of Laroque?"

"Do you suppose I would lie? Why should I? For what reason could I ever have written those three fatal dates in Roger's life? For what reason would I have placed them there? Answer me that"

"What I have said has reason enough, I admit" said he "Don't notice them as other than preoccupations of a mind disturbed and perplexed with presentiments of coming evil"

"Raymond you should not give way to those fears You inflict great pain upon me and I am not very well You ought to spare me all strong emotions, my son See what a state I am in"



"My son, see what a state I am in"

She was indeed an object of pity, her poor members trembled and shook with nervous tension She had hoped that Raymond would console her with a kind word but his lips remained closed

"It was she! She lied to me! She would lie to me again Why? I must know, and I will know

And Julia, who understood closed her weary eyes, wishing to hide the phantom that stood between her and her idolized son

Raymond passed his days and nights in consulting and studying the case of Roger Laroque He weighed the testimony word by word as if his own life trembled in the balance That which drew his attention was that suddenly, in the very midst of his most eloquent plea, his father had fallen and Roger, who had sustained his innocence until then, rose and said

"Search no more, I am guilty"

Raymond found a friend of his father's who had witnessed this tragic end, and he told Raymond of the letter that he had seen handed to Lucien who had at first appeared much affected by its contents, but he afterward had rallied and continued his plea until death overtook him there Perhaps this letter was the key to the whole mystery As Raymond sat thinking on this subject a thought flashed into his mind

"He wore his gown I have it here Who knows but that letter is in the pocket?"

That black silk gown had been laid away among the legal papers, and Raymond had taken it and folded it tenderly and brought it with him to his little apartment in Paris. He now unfolded it and felt in the pocket which was made deep and wide to hold papers of moment. There in the bottom, crushed as that dead hand had crushed it in shame and dishonor, was the note which had killed Lucien as surely as if it had been real poison, instead of the treachery of those he best loved

Long hours this poor boy sat with this awful proof before his aching eyes

"Mother, oh, my mother!" he groaned He had loved his mother so Now he found that she had been a criminal She was THE woman!

It was all clear now Had she loved Roger at the date of the trial she would have come forward and proved him innocent, but she did not, and that proved that this was vengeance And the dates of the events in that vengeance had been written on his mutilated photograph by the hand that prepared this vengeance Laroque had told the truth Julia was the guilty one and he saw all that life held that was precious to him slipping away, and Suzanne was lost to him forever!

It was not at all because he loved his native country that Laroque had returned to France He wished to clear his name from the false charge of murder He was now in Paris searching, searching everywhere, everything, and every place which could give him the least clue of what could be the solution of this mystery He haunted the club where he won the 50 000 francs but all to no purpose and at last he saw that he should need the services of two expert detectives He remembered the names and reputations of Tristot and Pivolot and he decided upon employing them Having now as a starting point the explanation that Suzanne had given him, he wanted to find the man who had so resembled him as to deceive his own wife and child

So he presented himself at the pretty and tasteful abode of these two famous detectives and told them that he wished to engage their services in a difficult and delicate matter which should be largely paid for

"You already know something of this matter," said Roger "and you will remember it well when I tell you that it relates to the murder of Larouette, and the condemnation of Roger Laroque for the crime he did not commit"

"But he confessed himself guilty

"Because the shadow of the crime he did commit lay heavier on him than the one he did not Listen now until you hear the truth this affair from beginning to end and then I would like your opinion

Roger then began at the beginning and told all we know excepting the name of Julia De Noirville and when he had finished his auditors accustomed as they were to strange tales, looked completely dumfounded

"But how do you know all of this?

"Because I am Roger Laroque and I have come to vindicate my name at the risk of my life I trust in your honor and place my life and that of my child in your hands

The two detectives looked at each other in silence and then as by one common accord they rose and offered Roger their hands, which he took with a grateful heart He knew he had found friends Tristot spoke

"We must put aside as impossible the actual guilt of Mme De Noirville though she may have inspired it or have been an accomplice in some way But if we find any indication of her guilt we shall follow it up in private until you give us other orders Now remains the club Did you know all the players there that night? It may be that there was present an ancient or new lover of Mme De Noirville Think well

"I cannot imagine of any person who could have held such a position The only peculiar incident was that my friend the Baron De Croix spoke to me, thinking it me, calling me by my name and touching his shoulder I noticed the man as De Croix told me, laughingly of the rencontre He was large tall dark and wore his hair and beard as I did His eyes however were different and the eyebrows bushy In the evening, or in the day one could easily mistake this man for me at the first glance He had recently been received into the club and I do not remember to have seen him there before, and as to myself, I never went there after His name is Luversan"

"He is a banker or broker or something of that sort, is he not?" said Pivolot

Had this man any good reason to hate you?"

"None that I know of"

"That we must find out We will look up this Luversan, as well as begin again from the beginning the time with a view to find the real man, not to search proof against an innocent one"

"I thank you with all my heart," said Roger, "more for my daughter's sake than my own I wish her to be able to bear her own name until the day she takes that of an honorable and noble man who loves her and whom she loves As to myself, I should not care so much, but would accept my fate as my expiation for the wrong I did"

"You would be wrong sir, for while you were away, even now, do you know what your workmen call you? Roger the Shameful"

"Alas" said Roger, with a sob which he vainly tried to repress

Roger went home to await the result of the search Tristot and Pivolot were to make Several days passed without a sign or word, when one morning a telegram caused him to present himself at their home

"We have not altogether lost our time," said they, "and we have not accomplished much either Still here is what we have discovered We find that Luversan is not the real name of him who bears it, but Mathias Zuber is"

At this name Roger started and his heart beat quicker than usual He remembered well that name and the man

Did he not fight around Orleans? Had he not caught him in the very act of treason? Roger remembered distinctly the letter vowing vengeance that had been left for him after this man's escape If that was the same man he knew now the motive, but how had Julia known him?

Roger reflected a moment "Do nothing more until you see me again, except to find out all you can about Luversan's financial position"

"What do you think of doing?" asked Tristot

"I hardly know yet myself, but I will keep you informed I must think this matter over alone a day or so"

In two days Roger returned to them and said

"I have a plan, it is so wild and strange that I do not want to say anything about it, even to you, until I see whether or no I can carry it out I beg of you to give me a letter of the most earnest kind to one of your friends in the exchange who knows Luversan It is necessary that the friend to whom you shall send me shall repose unlimited confidence in me"

Tristot gave him a letter to a banker, M Andrimaud, saying

"Whatever you ask of him he will do"

When he presented himself at the banker's house the latter received Roger with extreme consideration, and asked in what manner he could serve him

"What I ask is a very simple affair, as far as it appears on the surface You know a broker by the name of Luversan?"

"Yes"

"Enough to bring me into contact with him socially?"

"Yes I will give a bachelors' dinner and invite him here, if that will suit you next Monday at six"

The dinner was given Luversan was there, as also was Roger, and the acquaintance was made The two men were polite to each other, but there was nothing more than the ordinary exchange of courtesies Roger watched Luversan attentively "Is he the assassin?" he thought.

After dinner the guests began a general conversation, and Laroque talked freely of his enormous fortune, which he had made by his inventions The banker, instructed by Roger what part to take, had introduced him as the millionaire partner of an extremely large house in America

Luversan was far from suspecting that this man could be Laroque Indeed, he had almost forgotten his very existence after he had heard of Roger's supposed tragic death He did not appear to take much interest in Ferney's stories about his fabulous wealth, yet he thought

"This man is rich and an imbecile He knows nothing of Paris He is like all the great savants and inventors, no more than a big baby He may be of great use to me if I manage him right"

Roger read his thought and a ray of gladness penetrated his heart.

"At last" said he, "at last!"

Laroque and Luversan met every day after this at the exchange At the end of a fortnight they were on friendly terms, and that which Roger had foreseen took place Luversan proposed to Roger a plan of speculation which required a considerable sum of money Roger for form's sake, affected to examine into it, and pretended to hesitate, but finally consented

Luversan launched the speculation, which consisted in the discovery and working of a petroleum mine in Guatemala Placed on the market in the grandest style it was not long before the shares were all bought up The affair had succeeded so well in its beginning that Luversan, now having the means and a certain new consideration in the exchange speculated wildly until, in the very height of its success, this Guatemala petroleum mine was threatened with a disaster so great that it would swallow up all he had in the world and leave him after so many years a bankrupt man And this is how it happened Roger had been to the banker and said

"Sir on the recommendation of Tristot you placed yourself at my disposal I have to ask you to render me a service Will you do it without question?"

After hearing the service desired the banker hesitated Laroque continued

"You shall know all later I have nothing hidden from Tristot I am trying to penetrate a mystery of the gravest importance, in which my honor is at stake and I will consecrate my whole fortune to it if necessary

"But in what can I assist?"

"I will then, if I have conjured him, repair his credit Now then can you tell me Luversan financially? I want to use you all you can get of the Guatemala petroleum stock Buy it and throw it into the market suddenly so as to create a panic in that stock, and see it fall until Luversan is in the most critical position In addition to this sum is much more as you may desire for the money will cut counting"

The banker then said

"You wish Luversan to apply to me for aid?"

"That is it precisely," answered Roger In the meantime though he saw no more of the banker for two weeks, he watched Luversan closely He grew restless and nervous and pale and at last came to Roger one day, and said desperately "We are ruined, at least I am you are rich, and this petroleum affair will not cause you great trouble But the whole exchange seems to be set against me I ask nothing from you, for you are also interested in this. It was my duty to tell you

"What!" said Roger as though astonished. Such a fine prospect of dividends so soon to have failed now! I cannot see through it. Explain

Luversan told him of what we already know, and then he stopped suddenly in his walk and said

"You hear it is my ruin, if you do not help me I must have money

"Naturally," said Roger coolly

Can I count upon you or not?

"Well," said Roger, "a burnt cat dreads the fire I am the burnt cat

Luversan bit his lips till they bled

"But I tell you, I am lost if you do not help me

Roger did not refuse absolutely, but replied

"I must reflect This is a serious matter and requires a large sum, according to what you say No matter how rich I might be I don't like to lose money I had confidence in you and know little of those matters, and I must reflect before I decide to put more money into what seems to me a bottomless hole"

"But there is no time for reflection You must decide quickly

"Even if I do decide to let you have this money, it would take me three or four days How much do you want?

"Nearly a million

"That is a good deal How soon do you need it?

"In four days at the latest

"You can come to my country place, Ville d'Avray, where I have rented a little house I shall make that my home hereafter, and then we shall see"

"What is the number or name of your cottage?"

"The first one you meet will tell you It is in the Rue de Paris, the last house on the right hand side I live all alone I believe the last owner was killed there ten or a dozen, maybe twenty years ago, and so the name of the victim was by common consent given to the house They call it the Maison Larouette"

Luversan sat down suddenly and his face showed that the shot told

"So then, Saturday at what hour?

"Whatever hour suits you after 8 in the evening, as I shall be busy during the day"

Luversan took his departure, restless and uneasy, but this he attributed to the anxiety about the money

About this time the excellent old farmer Dubois and his wife, who had taken Henriette into their hearts and home as if she had been a precious gift from heaven, received a letter from a lawyer in Paris which informed them that they had fallen heir to some property near Ville d'Avray and requested their presence After much consultation with the curé who read their letter to them and explained the nature of it and advised them generally they made their preparations for departure, and as they did not know how long it might take them to receive their inheritance, they made their arrangements to take Henriette or Marie, with them Their trip took but a few hours on the train and before dark on the day of their departure they reached Ville d'Avray and engaged a carriage at the station to take them to the farmhouse, where their presence was expected by the servants in charge and they went on through the quaint, quiet streets till they passed through Rue de Paris and on out into the country As they drove along Henriette seemed to grow uneasy, and to look about her as children do sometimes when roused from sleep, and her little hands clasped and unclasped nervously, and her breath came quickly, and her color changed every moment She appeared so uneasy that the old lady took her hand and said

"Don't be frightened We will soon be there, and when we have finished this miserable business, we will go back as quick as we can to our own valley I won't let anything hurt you Don't fret dear little Marie"

"I have seen nothing, I know nothing—nothing at all," said Henriette, in her low voice

The three descended at the pretty farm house and took up their abode there, but Henriette could not be kept indoors, and the good old lady put herself out of breath several times running after her, as she seemed by a subtle instinct to be drawn toward the town, and her inquiet mood was very remarkable in one who for so many years had been so mild and tractable

Eight days after the discovery of the letter in his father's pocket Raymond went back to Meridon farm He wanted to see his mother to question her and render more evident the very truth itself And Suzanne, it was over a month since he had seen her And he thought of her night and day, until thought was agony, for he remembered the promise he had made her

"I will save your father, in continuing the labor of mine, and I will render him his honorable name"

Now, if she asked him, what could he say? And if the young girl avoided speaking on the subject, what would she think of his silence? He thought then that he would avoid seeing her

From the station he walked to the farm, hoping to tranquilize himself, but every stone spoke to him every leaf upon the now budding trees whispered messages from her, and his heart ached with its weight of unmerited shame He saw something white flash through the trees He plunged deeper in the forest but too late Suzanne saw him and flew to meet him

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From Reporter to Editor

No man, however, is thoroughly equipped and thoroughly qualified to fill the position of managing editor with justness and fairness to readers, as well as to workers, who has not done a reporter's work, and done it for years in all its devious departments I believe, too, that no experience is so well calculated to fit a man to do work upon the editorial page as that which the reporter does, though it is a notorious fact that the great body of editorial writers are ignorant of the experience which falls to the lot of the reporter The editor's life, his absence of opportunities for contact with men—or rather for contact with all classes of men—many times result in his mistaking the proper position for his paper to assume The life of the reporter is calculated to make him pre eminently a man of the people, and to give him an insight into men and measures such as is found in no other department of newspaper work Such success as is attained by the average editorial writer in nine cases out of ten comes from such vision as he may enjoy through the window of intelligence which the reporter may provide and some men have a wonderful faculty of seeing well through the reporter's eyes —J N Mind in The Writer

A New Dairy Machine.

A new dairy machine invented by M Mignette, of Paris, has been described by Professor James Long It extracts the moisture from butter, or the whey from soft cheese, by means of suction The vase of the machine consists of a reservoir which has india rubber sides, and at the bottom a piece of perforated metal of fine quality This communicates with an aspirating pump and a reservoir for the liquid, which is drawn out by the vacuum created by working the machine Filtration is rapid, and in a few moments the curd is solid and ready to be placed into molds which form the skim milk cheese

The Alaskan Indian is pre eminently the dude of his race He is always clad in handsome furs or blankets and carries a walking stick which is often a beautiful specimen of elaborate carving Chicago News

CURES FOR INSOMNIA.

BOB BURDETTE GIVES A LONG LIST OF SURE REMEDIES

Some of the "Infallible Cures Which the Humorist Has Jotted Down In His Little Health Book—One of the Mysteries

What pleases me when I am tormented with sleeplessness is a little health book of my own in which I have jotted down a few—a very few—of the infallible remedies for sleeplessness which have been tried in the thousands—expressly for me I [illegible]—of cases, most of which were the prescriber's own immediate family or, at the farthest, circle of immediate friends, and had never once failed to effect a permanent and it is needless to say, instant cure All of these cures collectively and each one by itself individually were and was exactly like my own in cause, duration and operation The simplicity of the combined remedy appeals at once to human confidence

Eat nothing within three hours before retiring

Eat a light but substantial luncheon just before going to bed Nature abhors a vacuum (This is one of the prescriptions I like)

Read light literature before going to bed

Read nothing after supper Walk a mile in the open air just before bedtime

Go to your room an hour before retiring and read until bedtime Give up smoking altogether

If you are a smoker, a cigar just before retiring will soothe and tranquilize your nerves until you can't keep awake

Don't think about sleeping you scare away slumber by wooing the drowsy god

ADDITIONAL REMEDIES

Resolutely resolve as you lie down that you will go to sleep, and sleep will come naturally

Take a warm bath and go from the tub into bed

Take a cold sponge bath, jump into bed and you'll be asleep before your head touches the pillow

Walk slowly about your room half an hour

Lie on your right side, with your cheek on your hand

Lie on your left side, with your head resting on your arm

Drink milk (This, according to my experience, is the best prescription in the lot It will make you sleep better than all the bromides going, which are snares and delusions But milk diet not only makes you sleep at night, but you want to sleep all the next day It makes you intolerably stupid all the time It is a very pleasant, half awake feeling if you have nothing else to do but to enjoy falling asleep at any time and in all manner of places like Colville in the best told story of these times "Indian Summer," but if you have any work to do it is embarrassing)

Count up to 100 (I tried this inhuman bit of idiocy one night I came very near falling asleep two or three times, but was started wide awake by suddenly becoming conscious that I had lost my count, and had to begin over again This cure kept me awake one whole night, while I was so sleepy I could scarcely hold my eyes open The friend who gave me this prescription is not living now She was a woman, and I could not, as a gentleman, offer her violence So I dosed a box of marshmallows with Rough on Rats and sent them to her)

WHAT IS TO BE DONE?

So, what is a sleepless man who wants to sleep going to do If he eats a slight luncheon, smokes a mild cigar, read Bunner an hour walks a mile in the air, comes back and walks another mile about his room, takes a sponge bath cold, followed by a tub bath warm drinks a pint of milk, jumps into bed and lies on both sides, with his head on one arm and one hand, and counts a thousand it will be time to get up, anyhow and he can have a few nervous fits during the day

It is a fact, however, that even men who think they suffer from sleeplessness do not lie awake half so long as they imagine they do When a man says to me, "I did not close my eyes once all night" I know he lies Not intentionally of course, he thinks he was awake all night the probability is that he did not go to sleep until two hours after his regular time, and it seemed an age to him Really, it isn't often that a man lies awake the whole night through I am not a physician, and cannot speak by the book, but I believe that men fib about their restless nights more than any other ill to which our weak humanity is heir Now take your own case you remember the last time you lay awake all night don't you? Yes, I see you do Well, don't you remember that same night you heard the clock strike 2, and then the next time you heard it it struck 7? Yes! I see you do Well, that's one of the mysteries about insomnia that is difficult to explain —Burdette

London's Messenger Company.

Somebody is trying to float in London a District Messenger company after the American plan The public is being solicited to subscribe for 10,000 shares of stock at $5 a share It is announced as a scheme "for providing the public with reliable messengers and for affording a means of livelihood for deserving lads" The charge is to be a penny a mile and the boys are to be paid at the rate of about six cents an hour The uniform is to be dark gray with royal blue facings, and to have the company's name conspicuously on the cap —New York Sun

Culture vs Ignorance

Omaha Dame—Can you read?

New Girl—No, mum

"Well, I don't know but that will be an advantage in this case The last girl we had was a great reader, and was constantly carrying the latest papers and magazines into the kitchen before we were half through with them"

"Yes, mum"

"But that was not the worst of it Just as soon as she read them she would use them to start the fire with"

"I'd never do that, mum I allers use kerosene"—Omaha World

Feat of New York Burglars.

The feat of the man who stole a hot stove has been eclipsed by New York burglars who stole a safe weighing 1 600 pounds from a barge that had sunk to the bottom of the Hudson river —Chicago Herald

It is an Irishman who defines a rich man as a man who bites off more than he can chew and a poor man as a man who chews more than he can bite off

The bicycle has been adopted in Persia Six of the machines are in use in Teheran —two by nobles, the others by telegraph men

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FRANCE'S NEW RIFLE.

NEW ARMS AND PROJECTILES BASED ON ADVANCED SCIENCE.

The Fate of Great Battles Generally Decided by the Efficiency of the Infantry—The Franco German War—The "Chalons Rifle"

The French army has been devoting its energy to devising new arms and projectiles based upon the most advanced science The melinite shell has been adopted for their artillery, and it is claimed that the explosive force of melinite is 100 times greater than gunpowder and tenfold as great as dynamite, that neither masonry nor ironclad forts can resist its force The new progressive powder invented by Col Brugere is vastly more powerful than ordinary gunpowder, its peculiarity is that it burns without smoke, and almost without noise, and developing its energy gradually while the projectile is moving through the barrel of the gun, the recoil is reduced to a minimum, and it may be better described as a "push" rather than a shock

The fate of all great battles has almost invariably depended upon the efficiency of the infantry The Macedonian phalanx of Alexander, the tenth legion of Cæsar, the English infantry of the Black Prince the Spanish infantry of Charles V, the grenadier guards of Frederick the Great, the imperial guard of Napoleon, the British infantry of Clive and Wellington, the "Stonewall brigade" of Jackson the Prussian infantry of Germany—these have successively been the great factors of victory Therefore the development of infantry tactics and arms has always been the object of great generals The substitution of the iron for the wooden ramrod by Frederick the Great made the Prussian infantry able to fire more rapidly than their opponents and win the victories which introduced Prussia as a military power Napoleon, changing the principle of infantry tactics from the volley fire to skirmish fire, revolutionized warfare and laid down the principle that the fire and not the mass of infantry was its best work Wellington, carrying out this idea, trusted to the "thin red line"—infantry in line of battle and not in column, yet in those days the infantry arm was the smooth bore musket of very short range. Though the rifle was furnished to the flank companies of regiments and to special corps fifty years ago it was not until our own civil war that whole armies were armed with rifled muskets the use of which made the fate of heavy columns of attack against steady troops a foregone conclusion, witness our attack on Marye's heights at Fredericksburg and Pickett's charge at Gettysburg The development of infantry fire has in fact relegated the bayonet to the limbo of mediæval pike and Roman swords, and has converted cavalry into the eyes and ears of the army rather than its mailed arm in the decisive moment of battle

A cavalry charge is "magnificent, but it is not war," as the French Gen Bosquet said of the charge of Balaklava The cavalry saber has been driven from the battlefield by the revolver and rifle, in the Franco German war, with 80,000 German cavalry and nearly as many French cavalry, the hospital returns show that there were only 212 wounds by sabers and butts of muskets, all told At Sedan a squadron of the hussars of the French imperial guard charged the German skirmish line at 100 yards distant, none of their bodies were found nearer than 100 yards, three fourths of the squadron fell in galloping 300 yards Such was the terrible work of the breach loading needle gun

Once only was the column of attack used in the Franco-German war In one of the battles before Metz, Gen Steinmetz formed the famous Brandenburg brigade in column to pierce the French lines In spite of the bravery and discipline of that picked corps, they were ignominiously routed, and Gen Steinmetz reprimanded for thus throwing away the lives of splendid troops

If such were the conditions of battle in 1870, what must they be to day, when the rapidity of infantry fire has been increased manifold by the use of magazine breech loaders and the effective range of military rifles doubled by the use of "progressive" powder and improved projectiles?

The French army is now armed with a magazine rifle which possesses almost all the above qualifications—the "Chalons rifle," invented by Col Lebel, superintendent of the infantry school at Chalons The range of the Chalons rifle is unprecedented At 2,000 yards its effects are frightful, the ball leaves the rifle with a velocity of 1,800 feet a second, and revolves 5 000 times a second, its point blank range is 500 yards The caliber has been reduced to 32-100ths of an inch, and the lead projectile covered with a thin coating of steel and brass, so that it may take the rifle grooves without leading them in the quickness of revolution of the projectile in the barrel

The importance of infantry armed with guns having a point blank range of 500 yards can hardly be overestimated the use of a smokeless powder removes one of the greatest difficulties to quick firing rifles the use of magazine guns, like the Chalons rifle makes it practically impossible for an enemy to cross the death swept zone of 500 yards in front of them. - Boston Herald

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